



## Meet Kevin

Kevin is a charismatic, smart little six year old.

His lovely thick dark hair and long eyelashes are characteristic of his Eastern European heritage. Although he cannot communicate through speech his facial expressions and eye movement play an important role in communicating with others. Whether that is to be bossy, to play, laugh or giggle, his personality shines through.

Kevin is happy and appears settled. He has a wonderful sense of humour and his contagious smile dominates a room and those around him. He is very sociable and loves company. He likes jokes and silliness and makes his mark wherever he goes. He has a really chilled out, fun, content personality and is not difficult to care for. He can get fed up but he is rarely glum for long.

He is beginning to make choices for himself and is good at trying new things. He can build strong bonds and has special, favourite people who he recognises through their voices. Listening to music, singing and watching films are some of his favourite things to do as well as water play, walks in his wheelchair, visits to the cinema, being silly, trampolining and horses.

Kevin was removed from his birth family in 2018 after experiencing neglect of his complex health needs. He is currently thriving in a residential placement where the staff adore him but now needs and deserves a family of his own.

## Caring for Kevin

Kevin was born with a complex neuro-disability with no underlying cause. As a result he has very little physical ability and has abnormal muscle tone, microcephaly and is registered visually impaired. His hearing is good as is his sense of smell and touch. He uses a wheelchair, and a seat for either bathing or showering. He also has a sleep system to maintain a safe posture at night. He cannot stand, or sit unaided but has a standing frame. He needs help with all aspects of his intimate care, such as washing, toileting, teeth brushing, and nail and hair care. He is unlikely to be able to learn these skills. While Kevin is small for his age he continues to grow and meet his childhood milestones. He needs a smoke-free atmosphere to protect his lungs.

Kevin currently attends school 2 days per week and loves it.

## Could you be the right family for Kevin?

Kevin needs a family who will be able to understand and commit to what his complex health needs mean for him and for those caring for him.

He needs a family who can recognise that he has a lot to give and to be in a family where he can be the centre of their world. He is strong and adaptable but needs a family for good. He will be supported to attend a local school and to be the very best he can be. He is a strong, resilient little boy and gives his all to everything he does. Could you be a family for Kevin?



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