

Support Group Agreement

Home for Good recognises how valuable peer-to-peer support groups can be for carers and adoptive parents and we know that groups connect people who encourage and support each other in amazing ways. We resource facilitators of peer-to-peer groups and signpost people to groups that meet in their area. However, groups are not run by Home for Good and are the responsibility of the church or organisation which hosts them.

A peer-to-peer support group connected to Home for Good:

- Has read the guidelines laid out in the 'Setting up a support group' guide and agrees that the group will operate within these guidelines.
- Will embed the Home for Good values into the life of the group, to be child-focused and faith-rooted, with an approach to work that is innovative, relational, hopeful and excellent.
- The group is accountable to a church or organisation, who hold responsibility for all safeguarding, insurance and financial requirements and are responsible for all policies and procedures relevant to the group.
- The group understands that Home for Good is not responsible in anyway whatsoever for the group.
- Home for Good will encourage participants to contact them if they have concerns about a group.
- The group will not deliver training or provide advice that would require registration and regulation by Ofsted.
- If there are children's activities run as part of the group, the leaders will be appropriately recruited, trained and supervised by the responsible church or organisation.
- The group facilitator is, or has applied to become, a Home for Good champion.

Peer-to-peer support group guidelines

- To be a place of encouragement. We need each other.
- To be a place of respect, without criticising or making judgements.
- To be a place of acceptance. No one is expected to be the 'perfect' parent or carer.
- To be a place of value, where each member has a chance to speak if he or she wishes.
- To be a place of shared responsibility, where tasks and responsibilities are rotated among group members.
- To be a place of hope.

Name of group:

This group has committed to adhere to Home for Good's 'peer-to-peer support group' guidelines. If you have concerns about the group, please do let Home for Good know as we encourage the promotion of good practice throughout the network of groups that have connected with us.