

Books supporting Family Diversity

The following are just some of the books available for children who have been adopted, live with same sex parents or diverse families. These are available online and schools can use them across the curriculum to promote inclusivity.

If there are any other books that you would recommend, please contact us so that we can add them to the list. VSKPLAC@kent.gov.uk

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Age Group	Theme	Title & Author	Description
Baby/Toddler	Family Diversity	Blanket of Love. Alyssa Satin Capucilli.	Features diverse families, including ones with two mums and two dads, in a simple exploration of the many kinds of comforting blankets in the world.
1-3 yr olds	Adoption	Dear Child. <i>John Farrell.</i>	Features three families, a two-mum adoptive family, a single father and a mum and dad family expressing their wonder and joy of having a young child.
2-4 yr olds	Family Diversity	Mommy, Mama and Me. <i>Lesléa Newman.</i>	Rhythmic text and illustrations show a toddler spending the day with their mummies.
2-4 yr olds	Family Diversity	Daddy, Papa and Me. <i>Lesléa Newman.</i>	Rhythmic text and illustrations with universal appeal show a toddler spending the day with its daddies. From hide-and-seek to dress-up, then bath time and a kiss goodnight, there's no limit to what a loving family can do together. Share the loving bond between same-sex parents and their children.
2-4 yr olds	Family Diversity	Pickles and Ocho. <i>Dan Wellik.</i>	Pickles is a happy French bulldog. He has many toys and gets lots of attention from his two papas. Life for Pickles is just perfect, until Ocho arrives. Ocho? A Puppy?
2-5 yr olds	Family diversity	The Family Book. <i>Todd Parr.</i>	All kinds of families are celebrated in a funny, silly and reassuring way. Includes adoptive families, stepfamilies, sing-parent families, two-mum and two-dad families and families with a mum and dad.
3-5 yr olds	Family diversity	Keesha and her Two Moms Go Swimming. <i>Monica Bey-Clarke and Cheril Clarke.</i>	Follows Keesha and her two mums for a day of swimming at the pool where she meets up with her best friend, Trevor and his two dads.

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3-5 yr olds	Family diversity	Keesha's South African Adventure. <i>Cheril Clarke and Monica Bey-Clarke.</i>	After learning about South Africa in school, the inquisitive and light-hearted Keesha dreams of going to see it for herself. She gets the surprise of a lifetime when her two Mums decide to take her there.
3-5 yr olds	Family diversity.	Heather has Two Mommies. <i>Lesléa Newman.</i>	25 th Anniversary Edition. Heather's favourite number is two – two arms, two legs, and two pets. And she also has two mummies. As school begins, Heather sees that, "the most important thing about a family is that all the people in it love one another."
3-5 yr olds	Family diversity. Marriage	Donnovan's Big Day. <i>Lesléa Newman.</i>	Captures the excitement of a young boy as he and his extended family prepare for the boy's two mums' wedding. A picture book about love, family and marriage.
3-5 yr olds	Family Diversity	Who's in My Family?: All About Our Families. <i>Robie B. Harris.</i>	Join Nellie and Gus and their family – plus all manner of other families – for a day at the zoo, where they see animal families galore!
3-6 yr olds	Family Diversity and Adoption	We Belong Together: A Book About Adoption and Families. <i>Todd Parr</i>	Explores the ways that people can choose to come together to make a family. It's about sharing your home and sharing your heart to make a family that belongs together.
4-7 yr olds	Adoption	Home at Last. <i>Vera B. Williams and Chris Raschka.</i>	After Lester is adopted by Daddy Albert and Daddy Rich, he develops a big problem – he can't fall asleep. It's the week dog, Wincka, who finally solves the problem and helps Lester feel home at last.
4-9 yr olds.	Family diversity	The Purim Superhero. <i>Elisabeth Kushner.</i>	Nate loves aliens and he really wants to wear an alien costume for Purim, but his friends are all dressing as superheroes and he wants to fit in. What will he do? With the help of his two dads he makes a surprising decision.
4-7 yr olds	Family diversity	Stella Brings the Family. <i>Miriam B. Schniffer.</i>	Stella's class is having a Mother's Day celebration, but what's a girl with two daddies to do? Fortunately, Stella find a unique solution to her party problem in this sweet story about love, acceptance, and the true meaning of family.
4-12 yr olds.	Family diversity	Two Moms and a Menagerie. Carolyn Robertson.	They have plenty of space and plenty of love, but will the Mums and their children be able to manage their ever-expanding animal family?
4-8 yrs olds.	Family diversity	Harriet Gets Carried Away. <i>Jessie Sima.</i>	Harriet, an African American girl, with two dads loves costumes and can get a little carried away! A fun story about remembering where you belong, no matter how far you roam, or what you're wearing when you get there.

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4-8 yr olds	Family diversity	The Great Big Book of Families. <i>Mary Hoffman.</i>	Features all kinds of families and their lives together. Each spread showcases one aspect of home life – from houses and holidays, to schools and pets, to feelings and family trees.
4-8 yr olds	Family diversity	The Family Fletcher Takes Rock Island. <i>Dana Alison Levy.</i>	The Fletchers are back on Rock Island, home of all their best summer memories. But from the first day they arrive, it's clear that this year, things have changed. Over the course of the summer, the Fletchers will learn that sometimes, even in a place where time stands still, the wildest, weirdest and most wonderful surprises await.
4-8 yr olds	Family diversity	A Tale of Two Daddies. <i>Vanita Oelschlager.</i>	A young girl answers a friend's straightforward questions about having two fathers. The story ends with simply, "Who is your dad when you're sad and need some love?" Both, of course.
4-8 yr olds	Family diversity	A Tale of Two Mommies. <i>Vanita Oelschlager.</i>	A beach conversation among three children. True to a child's curiosity, practical questions follow. "Which mom is there when you want to go fishing? / Which mom helps out when Kitty goes missing?"
4-8 yr olds	Family Diversity.	The True Adventures of Esther the Wonder Pig. <i>Steve Jenkins and Derek Walter.</i>	The true story of social media sensation Esther the Wonder pig and her two dads. When Steve and Derek adopted a mini pig named Esther, they had no idea that she would turn out to be not-so-mini after all.
4-8 yr olds	Family Diversity	The Christmas Truck. <i>J.B.Blankenship.</i>	When celebrating a special Christmas tradition of helping other children things go awry. Papa, Dad, their amazing kid, and one fabulous grandmother work together and implement a plan to save Christmas for a child they have never met.
4-8 yr olds	Family Diversity	The Different Dragon. <i>Jennifer Bryan.</i>	Shows how the wonderful curiosity and care of a little boy, with some help from his two mums, can lead to magical places with a dragon who is tired of being tough.
4-8 yr olds	Family Diversity – marriage	The Flower Girl Wore Celery. <i>Meryl G. Gordon.</i>	Emma can't wait to be the flower girl. She'll wear a celery dress and walk down the aisle with the ring bear and happy bride and groom. Or at least, that's what Emma assumes. But nothing turns out to be quite what she's expecting.
4-8 yr olds	Family diversity.	Flying Free. <i>Jennifer C. Gregg.</i>	Violet captures a firefly and plans to use it as a nightlight. Her mummies, Mommy Blue and Mama Red, go along with the idea, but the firefly refuses to live in a glass jar. After several attempts, the firefly devises the ultimate escape plan.

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4-9 yr olds	Family Diversity.	Rumplepimple. <i>Suzanne DeWitt Hall.</i>	Life isn't easy when your big sister is an annoying cat and your mums can't understand a word you say. But that doesn't stop Rumplepimple, a dog, from saving the day in a most unusual way.
4-9 yr olds	Family Diversity	Rumplepimple Goes to Jail. <i>Suzanne DeWitt Hall</i>	Rumplepimple saves the day again, this time by trying to protect his tutu-wearing friend Mr. Noodles from danger at a street festival. Mr. Noodles gets home safely, but Rumplepimple ends up in jail, where his Mums eventually find him.
6-8 yr olds	Family Diversity	In Our Mothers' House. <i>Patricia Polacco.</i>	Marmee, Meema, and their kids cook, laugh, and dance together in their home. But some families don't accept them, saying they are different. Yet Marmee and Meema's house is full of love. And they teach their children that different doesn't mean wrong.
8-12 yr olds	Family diversity	Love, Penelope. <i>Joanne Rocklin.</i>	As Penny and her two mums await the arrival of a new baby, Penny writes letters to her sister during the year when both marriage equality and her favourite basketball team win, and Penny becomes more aware of the issues in the world around her.
8-12 yr olds	Family adventure	The Magic Misfits. <i>Neil Patrick Harris.</i>	After young street magician Carter runs away, he meets Dante Vernon, an illusionist, who runs a magic shop with his husband and their daughter. Carter finds friends and magic saving the town of Mineral Wells from B.B. Bosso's villainous clutches.
8-12 yr olds	Family adventure	The Magic Misfits: The Second Story. <i>Neil Patrick Harris.</i>	Sequel to The Magic Misfits.
9-11 yr olds	Family Diversity	Families. <i>Susan Kuklin.</i>	Combining interviews and engaging colour photos, this book shows the diversity of families in America. Includes mixed-race, immigrant, two-dad, two-mum and single-parent families and families for whom religion is a focal point.
9-12 yr olds	Family adventure	The Case of the Stolen Scarab. <i>Nancy Garden.</i>	When Nikki and Travis's two mums buy an old inn in Vermont, they don't expect their first visitor to be the local sheriff with news of a robbery, nor do they expect their second visitor to be a bedraggled hiker with amnesia! Soon Nikki and Travis find themselves trying to solve a mystery.
9-12 yr olds	Family adventure	The Case of the Vanishing Valuables. <i>Nancy Garden.</i>	A new group of guests have checked into Candlestone Inn, and the Taylor-Michaelson family – Nikki, Travis and their Mums – have their hands full with their innkeeper duties. When valuable objects start disappearing, Nikki and Travis start investigating – is it one of the new guests, the new maid, or could it be – a ghost?

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9-12 yr olds	Family diversity	The Misadventures of the Family Fletcher. <i>Dana Alison Levy.</i>	From camping trips to scary tales told in the dark, the new schools to old friends, from imaginary cheetahs to very real skunks, the Fletchers' school year is anything but boring with four brothers, two dads, and one new neighbour who just might ruin everything.
9-12 yr olds	Family adventure	This Would Make a Good Story Someday. <i>Dana Alison Levy.</i>	Sara Johnston-Fischer loves her family. But that doesn't mean she's thrilled when her summer plans are upended for a surprise cross-country trip with her two mums and her two sisters.
10 Yrs +	Gangs	The Stars Beneath Our Feet. <i>David Barclay Moore.</i>	A boy tries to steer a safe path through the projects in Harlem in the wake of his brother's death. Then Lolly's mother's girlfriend brings him a gift that will change everything: two enormous bags filled with legos.