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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2020 No. 445**

**The Adoption and Children (Coronavirus)  
(Amendment) Regulations 2020**

**PART 13**

**Savings Provisions**

**Suitability assessments**

- 15.** In a case where, on the 25th September 2020, —
- (a) an adoption agency is in the process of assessing the suitability of a prospective adopter in accordance with Part 4 of the Adoption Agencies Regulations 2005, or
  - (b) a fostering service provider is in the process of assessing the suitability of a person to become a foster parent under regulation 26 of the 2011 Regulations,
- that assessment must continue as if the amendments made by these Regulations remain in force.

**Private fostering: notifications**

**16.** Where, during the relevant period, a local authority has received notification under regulation 3, 5 or 6 of the Children (Private Arrangements for Fostering) Regulations 2005 Regulations, the local authority may proceed as if the amendments made by these Regulations remain in force.

**Children Act 1989 representations**

**17.** Where, during the relevant period, representations have been considered in accordance with regulation 17 of the Children Act 1989 (Representations Procedure) Regulations 2006, any further consideration of those representations by a panel may proceed as if the amendments made by these Regulations remain in force.

**Placement**

**18.** Where, during the relevant period, a child has been placed in accordance with regulation 19 of the 2010 Regulations, the responsible authority may proceed as if the amendments made by these Regulations remain in force.

**19.** Where, during the relevant period, the responsible authority placed a child under regulation 23 of the 2010 Regulations, the placement has effect as if the amendments made by these Regulations remain in force.

**Foster parents: temporary approval**

- 20.** In a case where, during the relevant period, the responsible authority —

- (a) started to approve a person as a local authority foster parent, or
- (b) approved a person as a local authority foster parent,  
in accordance with regulation 24 of the 2010 Regulations, the responsible authority must proceed as if the amendments made by these Regulations remain in force.

**Short breaks**

**21.** In a case where, during the relevant period, a child has been placed in short breaks in accordance with —

- (a) regulation 48 of the 2010 Regulations, or
- (b) regulation 42 of the 2011 Regulations,  
those regulations continue apply to the short breaks as if the amendments made by these Regulations remain in force.

**Children’s homes: deprivation of liberty**

**22.** Where, on the 25th September 2020, a child is being deprived of their liberty in a children’s home in accordance with regulation 20(3) of the Children’s Homes (England) Regulations 2015, that regulation continues to have effect as if the amendment made by these Regulations remains in force.