



## September 2020 Update

Ahead of Louth Churches for Refugees Annual General Meeting, we thought it would be useful to give you an up-date as to where we are with the family which arrived at the beginning of the year.

The family is mother, father, two teenage children, one who has just started school and one who has just started walking. They seem to have settled in quite well but, as we expected, it has been necessary for our volunteers and the family to meet some needs which arose unexpectedly. It is good to report that these unexpected needs, as well as those we did anticipate, appear to have been met so far.

Soon after their arrival in late January Covid 19 arrived which must have made the family feel extremely isolated but despite this the family are coping as well as can be expected in the short time they have been here. They are developing their conversation skills through regular, and frequent tuition on Zoom ; they have recently been given a short holiday from these.

The three school-age children had started school with some success, but we cannot ignore that it is difficult for them. I am sure you are aware how difficult it is to go to a new school: but with the additional problem of a new language ... I think they are showing great determination.

Mother and father have made some new friends in other parts of East Lincolnshire from their own community.

We do need to keep finding new ways of getting all ages of the family involved with the community around them. They have been involved in football and table tennis, but it would be helpful if we could find some new volunteers who might be able to get them involved in more activities in which they may be interested. We are aware that this is the best way to settle in.

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