

Present: Brenda Spettigue; Jain Ritchie; Georgy Bellem; Elspeth Nicholson; Trevor Cook; Karen Farrington; Jan Broom; Sarah Gale; Jocelyn Barrett; Sylvia Wright; Frances Tippett; Serena Collins; Bill Glen; Joe Thomson

Apologies: Tim Horsington; Rob Butler; David & Janet Rogerson

The meeting began with a round-up of experiences of meeting 'our' family, who arrived on 12th June. Overwhelmingly these were very positive experiences; the family is happy, keen to learn and integrate, and very positive. English lessons have started; appointments with the Job Centre, Medical Centre and school have all been met. Rob has been very proactive in acquiring bikes and wardrobes for the family. Ketty has completed a lot of paperwork & feels the family is very adaptable, and START feels they have a very supportive relationship with LRSB. Serena regards this as the 'best placement so far', but warned of a possible 'dip' as the family may tire.

Sedra is now registered with the Home Education system and as such is 'in the system'. Expect that her education will consist of a mix of Adult Ed., Work Experience and College (possibly in Plymouth) Looking at a possible January start?

Possible 1:1 funding for Sedra will be investigated. LRSB happy to help meet the costs. Sedra is very bright; her teachers will assess.

A 16 year old friend of Frances will be available in August as a befriender. She is currently training with NCS (National Citizen Service). Sidra's interests include horse riding and photography.

Wahel - picking him up from school on Tuesdays would interrupt English lessons for Muhammad and Reem. Some options discussed. He is very happy at school.

We should investigate and plan some fun activities for August - there was discussion about frequency of English lessons during that period.

The family to be asked what they would like.

Bill will investigate 'summer schools' and the like.

Cornwall Council will buy a year's bus travel for the family; this would cover out of town services, not local buses.

Serena will investigate a TV licence with START (although Janet may have done this)

Publicity was discussed: Simon to ask if the family wants this?

Georgy will ask Muhammad for his phone number to enable us to plan visits etc.

Events

It was agreed to pursue these:

1. A community event in Priory Park (Joe)
2. A second 'Feast' at the cricket club, approx 4-6 weeks after the community event (Bill)
3. A railway ride/picnic/day out (Frances)
4. Coffee Morning at Tavistock 11am Saturday 6th July. (Joe to co-ordinate)

AOB

Collections. Help needed please on July 12th: 10am -12 noon (Brenda; Sylvia)

Market Stall help needed Saturday 13th July (Georgy)

Additional DBS requirements: (Frances to Serena)

Date of next meeting: 25th July 2019