



Malek and his wife, Rola, live in Loughborough with their children Zaid, six, Ahmad, four and baby Amir, who is nearly one.

A new life in a new country has been made easier for Malek and Rola's children because of the right support from Thorpe Acre Infant School

Language challenge

When Malek and Rola moved to the UK at the end of 2012, Zaid and Ahmad spoke only Arabic and Swedish. As they were about to start at a new school their parents were concerned about how they would manage.

Rola says: "Everything was so new to them...but it was clear that the teachers were very supportive and willing to make a special effort to make the boys feel at home. I was amazed at how quickly Zaid and Ahmad started to pick up the language

and that has made sure they are able to keep up with their peers, to make friends and to enjoy going to school."

Friendly and welcoming

"They are all very friendly and will quickly address anything I might want to talk about, which is very reassuring. The overall atmosphere is welcoming and I believe that Thorpe Acre has played a very important part in helping my children to adapt so well and so quickly to their new home."



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