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Dear member of the Bosworth Academy community,

We have all been affected by the scenes of war and destruction in Ukraine. Thank you to all who have helped so far by supporting our appeal by offering donations of food, sanitary products, toiletries and other items from the required list from the Ascension of Our Lord Ukrainian Catholic Church on Hinckley Road, Leicester.

This is a call out for households who feel that they may be able to house a family of Ukrainian refugees for the next 6 months, either in a separate property they own or in a spare room or rooms. There is financial support from the government worth £350 per month but you need to be aware that this is unlikely to fully cover your costs. The government's "Homes for Ukraine " scheme requires individuals in the UK to name the Ukrainian refugee(s) they will host - which is a difficult link to make. The LiFE Multi-Academy Trust has the opportunity to work in partnership with Citizens UK and organisations in the Ukraine region to identify refugees looking for a host family and quickly broker this link. LiFE MAT will sponsor the refugees' journey to the UK through fund-raising, and Citizens UK has a specialised team who will support host families throughout the process. LiFE also has a small team of volunteers who will assist along the way. Families offering to host will have the suitability of their accommodation checked and will have to agree to a Disclosure and Barring Check (DBS).

It is recognised that many people who want to help may not have suitable accommodation but would be willing to provide ongoing support in different ways. The difference between our scheme and others is that host families would not be on their own. The entire Bosworth Academy community will want to support you and the refugee(s) with donations, access to transport, providing activities, buddying and mentoring, language learning, and access to employment and services. Putting your name forward is not a final commitment at this stage.

We have attached a leaflet with more information. If you feel able to help in some way, please complete the attached [form](#) by Tuesday 22nd March.

There is further information available from Citizens UK attached. Whatever you feel able to offer, thank you for your consideration and commitment to our community.

Your faithfully,

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