Imagine fleeing war and having to leave your mum, dad, brother or sister behind during your escape. Finally you reach safety in the UK and your application for asylum is eventually granted.

But your family are still in danger. The rules in the UK mean they are unable to join you. You worry about them all the time. If you are a child under 18 you are placed in care instead of living with your parents, brothers and sisters. The uncertainty and stress this causes means you're unable to properly rebuild your life.

The Families Together campaign asks the government to change the rules to make it easier for refugee families to be reunited safely in the UK. The COVID-19 pandemic has shown us how important family ties are for our wellbeing. Refugee families should not be separated for any longer.

**What Can You Do?**

This action guide outlines what you can do to campaign for a change in the rules which keep refugee families apart.

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2. Collect Families Together messages or postcards to send to your MP - pages 2 & 3

3. Meet or write to your MP to hand in your school's messages - page 3

*During the COVID-19 pandemic please make sure your campaigning is safe. MPs may not be meeting constituents face-to-face, but many are holding meetings online. Check your MP's website for more information*
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In school you could lead the 'How does the law affect refugees' workshop.

At home you could discuss the presentation with your parents or brothers and sisters. Can you explain the key points in 5 minutes, or in 1 minute?

At home you could complete the activities in the 'How does the law affect refugees' workshop and take notes to prepare for writing a message to your MP.

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Use the PowerPoint presentation and workshop activity to learn more about the Families Together campaign. Then strengthen your learning and develop your confidence by teaching others.

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2. Collect Families Together messages to send to your MP.

Aim to inspire and organise as many young people as possible to write Families Together messages to send to your MP.

There is an online 'postcard' template you could print or share online. Make sure the young people you ask to take the action understand the Families Together campaign and write their messages thoughtfully.

**PRIME MINISTER BORIS JOHNSON**

**DO WHAT’S RIGHT**

UK law is keeping vulnerable child refugees away from their parents. You have the power to change this. Fix the rules and bring families together.

How to organise your campaign

First think about **how** and **from whom** you will collect messages. You should also think about how school is organised during the pandemic and how this influences what you can do.

For example, you could work face-to-face where possible in school and/or share your campaign on your school's online platforms. Messages from students could either be handwritten or completed online. Ask your teacher for help to decide what's best.

Next think **how you'll explain** the Families Together campaign to your school community. Activity 1 should help you to do this well. Young people who write a message to your MP complete the following statement.

**I am calling on the UK Government to keep refugee families together because...**

Help your school to write powerful and persuasive messages

3. Send the messages to your MP

Once you have collected completed messages, think about how to hand them in to your MP.

- Find your MP's contact details by entering your school's postcode [here](#). Every MP's postal address is *(MP's Name)* House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA

- Amend the downloadable cover letter to tell your MP about your campaign.

- Ask to meet your MP to discuss your campaign and ask for refugee family reunion. You may do this online or face-to-face.

- Ask your teacher to help with school social media. Use @oxfamcampaigms and #FamiliesTogether

- Let Oxfam know how you get on and reach out to us if you need help.
Dear Prime Minister, Children need their families. Please reunite them.

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