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**Press Release – For immediate release**

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**Member of Parliament for Rotherham**  
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### **Sarah Champion MP welcomes child refugees in the UK**

Sarah Champion MP is urging constituents to write a welcome message for lone child refugees arriving in the UK. Almost 2,000 unaccompanied children have arrived this year, many of whom have fled wars and persecution and Save the Children's campaign calls on the public to write messages, which will be printed in books to help these children learn English and to integrate in their new communities.

Pearson is giving books, appropriate to their age and ability, to help them learn English and 7,000 are being delivered in the weeks leading up to Christmas.

*Sarah said: "I'm delighted to support Save the Children's campaign to welcome child refugees. These children have been through so much - fleeing conflict and persecution. I'm glad that the UK can help provide them with a safe home and a fresh start."*

*"As winter sets in I remain concerned about the plight of child refugees in Europe who are all alone, with no family. I'm supporting Save the Children's call on the UK Government to offer to relocate up to 3,000 of these children to the UK"*

Sarah wrote a personal 'welcome to the UK' message and is now asking her constituents to join the 2,000 campaigners that have already taken part. Anyone can join the campaign by posting their welcome message here. It will be printed into a book and given to a refugee child in the UK in time for Christmas:

[www.savethechildren.org.uk/welcome-message](http://www.savethechildren.org.uk/welcome-message)

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**Notes to Editors:**

[About Save the Children](#)

**Save the Children is responding to the refugee crisis in the countries of origin, en route and when they arrive.** We work in the countries they are fleeing – countries like Syria, where brutal war has ripped apart the lives of millions.

**Support our Child refugee Crisis Appeal at: [savethechildren.org.uk](http://savethechildren.org.uk)**

**About Pearson**

Pearson, the world's largest education company, has donated over 8,000 books to Save the Children to support refugee children who have arrived in the UK. The books are aimed at children for whom

English isn't their first language and will help them to access education and rebuild their lives in the UK. To ensure these vulnerable children feel truly welcome, Save the Children has called upon the British public to write personal messages which will be included in the books. To find out more about Pearson and Save the Children's partnership to improve education for children in emergency and conflict- affected settings visit:

<https://www.pearson.com/social-impact/social-innovation/every-child-learning.html>