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Agri Home Placement

Pat and Siobhan live on their mixed farm not far from the town of Newcastle West in County Limerick. They have three children: Eoin, Sinead and Shane.

It is important for you to know that Shane is Down Syndrome. He is a lovely, happy little boy who loves playing which is important for his development.

The family live in their newly built home on the farm.

Pat works on the family farm full time and Siobhan is a nurse. Siobhan works 3 days each week, 2 long days of 12 hours and 1 normal day of 7-8 hours. On the days that Siobhan works you will help the children in the morning to get ready for school and look after them in the evening until Siobhan returns home.

The farm is set on 200 acres (55 acres are 10 miles away). There are 70 milking plus replacement heifers and calves, 15 beef cattle which are sold as stores and a poultry unit with 20,000 chickens for meat.

The milking parlour is new and is 10 unit straight line with automatic feeders. There is a slatted cow shed, calving shed and a huge poultry shed. Calving takes place from 25 January until the end of March. Very little AI (Artificial Insemination) is used here, there are 2 bulls, a Friesian and an Aberdeen Angus.

There are 4 yard dogs living here too: Fred, Rocky, Rosy and Bonny.

Pat's parents, sister and brother live right beside the farm yard so you can expect to see them a lot of the time.

Pat and Siobhan enjoy cycling and Siobhan likes to run too. Eoin loves GAA (Gaelic Football) and Sinead loves ponies and goes to riding lessons. The family regularly go swimming too.

In the town of Newcastle West, around 9kms from the farm, you will find shops, places of interest and bus services. Have a look at www.visitnewcastlewest.ie for more information. There is a rural bus service available which can collect you from the farm, take you into Newcastle West and back again! Limerick city has lots to offer, places to visit such as St. John's Castle, and bus/train services to Cork, Galway and Dublin.

