



The Colyton Evacuees



Leaving London behind

It must have been a scary and upsetting time for children and their parents as they travelled to the station to leave London for the countryside. They didn't know when they would see their families again and many of the children had never left London before. The older children would have understood that the city was a dangerous place to be during a war but for younger children it must have been very puzzling.

One lady, Mrs Banks, remembers the journey to the station. She said,

"I enjoyed my time in Devon but not the travelling through central London to get there. It felt threatening and I was relieved to be on the mainline train."

Imagine you were being evacuated from London to Colyton and were on your way to Waterloo Station. How would you have been feeling? What would you have been expecting your new life to be like? Write your thoughts in the bubble below.

