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We'll stay together as a family, say Britain's oddest couple



FAMILY: Cathy, Chris and daughter Emma

Sex-change pair set for new life

SEX-CHANGE parents Chris and Cathy Johnson spoke yesterday of their plans for a new life away from the spotlight.

Britain's oddest couple cuddled their 3-year-old daughter Emma and said: "We just want to live together like any normal family."

Chris and Cathy are swapping as mother and father. Their hormone treatment will be followed by sex change operations which will cost the Health Service up to £10,000 each.

The couple have been told it will be another year or two before their sex changes are complete.

Then they plan to start a new life abroad where they are not known.

Irish-born Cathy, 32 yesterday, used to be martial arts instructor Eugene Browne.

Christopher, 30, was social worker Anne Johnson. The couple live in Handsworth, Birmingham.

Cathy, who wears womens clothes and heavy make-up, said: "We

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both recognised as soon as we met that we had the same problem.

"I always wanted to have a child of my own, but of course it was impossible.

"So we decided that I would be Emma's father while Chris was still a woman."

Chris, who wears his hair closely cropped, said: "Being pregnant was a terrible experience.

"It felt really weird because I knew I was a man. But it was worth it to give Cathy the baby she had always wanted."