

*'Together we will make the difference'*



Rachel and Matthew Ling live in Thornhill with Georgia, nine, Toby, seven and 19 month-old Harriet.

Rachel has **happy childhood memories** of Thornhill Junior and Infant School and is **delighted** that her children **enjoy it** too

### Warm welcome

Rachel went to Thornhill J&I as a child and when the family moved back to the area she thought it would be an ideal school for her daughter.

"I had very happy memories of the school," says Rachel. "The head showed us around and we both really liked it. It brought back a lot of happy memories. I could see that it was still a really welcoming place, with a nice atmosphere and the children were very polite. There are a lot more facilities now though and the playgrounds are amazing."



## Breakfast club

Thornhill's free Breakfast Club is a highlight of Georgia's day.

"There are some great facilities at Thornhill, but Georgia loves going to Breakfast Club," says Rachel. "This is very much her social time, and all the children play and feel really happy there. Both of my children have made lots of friends, particularly at Breakfast Club. Georgia is quite underweight so I think the fact that she goes to Breakfast Club and eats more food whilst she is there is fantastic!"

## Community spirit

Many families enjoy getting involved with Thornhill's community choir.

"Georgia loves music and we go to community choir every Tuesday night," says Rachel. "It's really good fun! I've never sung before and I'm not particularly good but it doesn't matter. Last year Thornhill joined with the High School and did a concert, and we also did one at the church fete. Mr. Simons the music teacher is fantastic, and an inspiration to the children because he is so enthusiastic. The children love having the opportunity to do something like that with their parents."

## Dealing with issues

Rachel finds the staff very approachable and any problems are dealt with swiftly and efficiently.

"The staff are great and very easy to talk to," she says. "Georgia has a heart condition, and an abdominal wall defect, so she has to be careful that she doesn't injure herself, and the school is very good in helping to make sure that she doesn't come to any harm."

## Fulfilling potential

Thornhill's motto is "Together we will make the difference" and both of Rachel's children are making excellent progress.

"Both children are doing well and Toby, who is quite a bright boy is doing particularly well at maths," she says. "The staff are good at telling the children when they do well and helping them to fulfil their potential."

## Gaining confidence

Rachel has noticed that since attending Thornhill J&I Georgia has become much more confident.

"Georgia used to be quite timid," says Rachel. "She is now very outgoing and confident. I think it is because she has been encouraged to do so many different things like get involved with the school plays and class assemblies. At Thornhill J&I every single child is given something to say or do at these events and nobody is ever left out.

"I would really recommend Thornhill. I've never heard my children say they don't want to go to school or that they don't like it. It's just a really nice school to be in."



**Georgia:** "I love going swimming because it is fun and good exercise. I love Breakfast Club because I like to see all my friends."

**Toby:** "I like doing PE because it helps me to be strong and healthy and I really like my teaching assistant, because she always cheers me up when I am sad."



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