

*'Together we will make the difference'*



Martin and Sarah Lofthouse live in Thornhill with Matthew six and Jacob, four.

Thornhill Junior and Infant School is a **great learning environment** for Martin and Sarah's lively sons

### Simply the best

When Martin and Sarah asked for recommendations for a school for their boys, one name kept coming up – Thornhill Junior and Infant School.

"Everyone we asked said Thornhill J&I was the best," says Martin. "We went and looked round and we were very impressed. Everything seemed spacious, with great outdoor play areas and there was plenty of room for children of different ages to do different things. The staff all seemed very pleasant and explained everything to us really well, so it seemed a good choice."



## Nurturing environment

Both of Martin and Sarah's young sons are doing well and they are very happy with their progress.

"The pair of them are doing really well," Martin says. "Matthew has always been a very inquisitive boy; he's always asking about how everything works and prefers to watch the Discovery channel than cartoons. From the age of two he wanted to do numbers and learn to read and I think the school brought out his potential in that first year. His teacher says he is doing so well that they are encouraging him to do even more, which is great."

## Providing options

Thornhill J&I provides a range of exciting opportunities for students.

"The school is giving the boys the opportunity to try so many different things," says Martin. "If they want to they can go to the Breakfast Club and after that they can do things like go on computers or into the music room to try out different instruments before school starts properly.

"They can try things like football, and hockey, but they can also do different things and they have both been asking if they can do music and dancing. The school doesn't force children to do things, but it does provide lots of opportunities, and if they find they don't like something there is always something new to try."

## Maintaining standards

Martin is very impressed by the standards of behaviour at Thornhill J&I.

"I have always told my boys that they are at school to learn and listen to their teachers and I think the standards of behaviour are good," he says. "The children always look smart in their uniforms and the teachers have told them that if ever they have a problem they should come and see them and the staff will sort things out. My boys understand that and they absolutely love to go to school every day."



## Out and about

Children are also able to enjoy educational visits in the local area and farther afield.

"The school often takes the children on trips out," says Martin. "They even take them to local places like the park to explain about the different seasons and the history of the place. But if they want to go somewhere further the school hires a coach or they can take smaller groups out in the school's mini bus, which is very useful."

## Encouraging achievements

Martin is very happy to recommend the school to other parents.

"I definitely recommend Thornhill J&I," he says. "Communication is brilliant between the school and parents, and if the children do well at something, even if it is outside of school, they can take part in special achievers' assemblies to show everyone what they have done. Thornhill J&I really does encourage children and brings out the best in them."

**Mathew and Jacob say:** "We like everything about school and love going every day!"



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