

*'Together we will make the difference'*



Stephanie and Paul Mellor live in Thornhill with Martha, seven and Tom, 12.

Thornhill Junior and Infant School came **highly recommended** to Stephanie and Paul, and their children **love going every day**

### Friendly reputation

Stephanie and Paul chose Thornhill J&I for their children because of its reputation and caring attitude.

"There was another school nearer to where we lived at the time, but we chose Thornhill J&I because we'd heard good reports about its ethos and friendliness," says Stephanie. "We asked parents and neighbours whose children were already attending and they told us how happy they were with the school. When we went to look around, we were very impressed."



## Professional and caring

Stephanie and Paul are delighted with the level of professionalism and care of staff and the standards of the facilities.

"All of the staff, including teachers, teaching assistants, kitchen staff, dinner time supervisors, caretakers, office staff and cleaners are incredibly professional and caring," she says. "The facilities are excellent, and there is regular investment in new facilities. For example last year the school had a new kitchen and hall floor, plus new music and IT equipment."

## Great progress

Stephanie's oldest child has moved on to secondary school now, but she is delighted with the progress he made and how well Martha is doing.

"Both children enjoy school," she says. "They are always keen to get there early to play with their friends in the playground. Their learning shows in all ways from reading skills to numeracy and literacy, PE, music and how well they settled in and made new friends. It was always good to hear how they were getting on at lunch time and again the brilliant dinner time staff reassured us that Martha was happy and safe at that important time of the day. I personally enjoy the parents evening as their progress is clear and easy to understand."

## Pastoral care

The staff at Thornhill J&I pride themselves on providing excellent pastoral care to all students.

"I think that TJ&I have consistent and very supportive pastoral care," confirms Stephanie. "I have always understood that if any pupil is struggling, whether that is with problems at home or in school or through illness or bereavement then support is on hand for them. I am 100% certain that the staff would immediately notice if Martha was unwell or unhappy and that they would act on it straight away."

## Parental involvement

Parents who wish to become involved with school life will find plenty of opportunities at Thornhill J&I.

"I am a Parent Governor and Chair of the PTA and there are so many opportunities for parents to be involved with the school if they want to," says Stephanie. For example, there is a School Council, PTA, Governors' Committee, reading friends, school choir, and a weekly Friday assembly."

## Afterschool fun

Thornhill offers a wide variety of extra-curricular fun and activities for students.

"There is a good variety of activities after school, and each term a child can choose their favourite, from craft, dance, football, Spanish or choir, etc," says Stephanie. "The Breakfast Club is another fabulous activity and it is free! Martha attends and she thoroughly enjoys it. Eating breakfast with her friends is such a novelty and a really positive start to the day for everyone."

"Thornhill J&I is a fantastic school and I would really recommend that parents come and have a look around to see for themselves how good it is."

Martha says: "I like all the school's clubs and the helpers. I really like the uniform, especially the cardigan, I also like Mr Rowland because he tells us lots of information in assembly."

**Tom says:** "I really liked the residential trips; I went to Newcastle in Year 6."



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