

Thomley Evaluation 2010

TEENAGE PROVISION (10-19yrs) - MANOR HALL

Recently Thomley has received funding from the 'Aiming High for Disabled Children' County Council teams in Oxon & Bucks. With this funding, we aim to convert the ground floor of the Manor Hall into a fully accessible facility for disabled teenagers. (There are 5 rooms in total, although available funding will enable us to upgrade 2 at this stage).

Before we start work on the teenage provision, we would like to be sure that you and your child/ren's ideas are fully incorporated, even if your children are not yet teenagers! Initial ideas are listed below. After consulting with your children, please rate your approval of these (1 = bad idea - 5 = great idea) in the box on the left hand side.

Do you have teenage children? Yes / No

Do they have a disability? Yes / No

Rating

Please tell us your ideas for activities & equipment within these rooms

a teenage den (e.g a relaxing social area).....
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a hobbies and craft room (e.g. woodwork, sewing, art and crafts etc).....
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a games room (e.g. indoor games, table games, consoles, board games etc).....
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a mini gym (to encourage active healthy lifestyles).....
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a fully accessible kitchen area (to develop life skills and cook produce from Thomley's horticultural area)
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Suggestions for other types of room.....
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Suggestions for other types of activities.....
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YOUR STORY HELPS US TO EXPLAIN THE VALUE OF THOMLEY TO OTHERS

Personal stories and case studies speak powerfully to future visitors and to the people who support us. Your words are very valuable to us and we may use them in publicity materials, fundraising appeals and on our website. Please help us to tell everyone else the impact Thomley has on your lives. Please continue on an additional sheet. **N.B. If you are happy for us to quote these words in any of our publicity, personalised details (such as the name and age of your child) can give invaluable weight to your case study. In this way, supporters can see exactly which kind of children they are supporting. We are aware this information is quite personal, so if you would rather not give this information please leave blank.*

1. What does Thomley mean to your disabled child/ren? *Please state if these are your words or those of your child.*

*Name of child/ren.....Age/s.....

*Type of disability.....

2. What does Thomley mean to the siblings of your disabled child/ren?

Name of child/ren.....Age/s.....

Please state if these are your words or those of your child/ren

3. If you do not have disabled children, what do your children get out of coming to Thomley?

Name of child/ren.....Age/s.....

Please state if these are your words or those of your child/ren

4. What does Thomley mean to you as a parent or carer?

Your name.....

5. Tell us about any memorable moments at Thomley e.g. any milestones or first-time achievements?

6. What would be the impact on you and your family if Thomley no longer existed?

7. If we were to make a film about Thomley, would you be happy to speak on camera?

Yes

No

8. Would you be interested in being a Thomley Ambassador e.g. talking to a school or community group

Yes

No

If so, what is the easiest way for us to contact you?.....

MEASURING THE IMPACT OF OUR WORK

Your feedback is incredibly valuable to us and helps us to improve the service we provide for you. It will also help us to measure the impact of our work and demonstrate to donors like BBC Children in Need the benefits of the service they support. We apologise for repetition from last year's evaluation but hope that you will take part. Please look at the back page to see what we have achieved following your feedback from last year.

General questions

What is your relationship to the child/ren you bring to Thomley (e.g. parent, carer, teacher...)_____

Which county are you from?_____

Do you have a disabled child? (N.B. If not, we would still like your feedback) Yes No

How old are the children you bring to Thomley (please tell us how many children you bring from each age bracket).

0-5yrs 6-9yrs 10-12yrs 13-16yrs 17-19yrs

PLEASE TICK RELEVANT BOX			SUPPORT TO CHILDREN	% more confident last year (of 92 respondents)
More confident	No change	Less confident		
			Increased confidence and self-esteem (e.g. taking part in new things, expressing preferences, developing new skills)	54%
			Developed and maintained friendships (e.g. playing with other children, making & maintaining friendships, interacting with adults and Thomley staff)	29%
			Increased confidence in taking measured risks (e.g. Understanding which activities are 'dangerous', taking measures to play more safely)	17%
			Feel suggestions have been acted upon (e.g. type of activities on offer, new equipment available, other improvements we have made)	96%
			Increased access to activities which promote active & healthy living (e.g. access to space, participation in sport and outdoor activities)	We forgot to ask this last time!
Yes	No		SUPPORT TO FAMILIES AND GROUPS	
			Are satisfied with the service (e.g. meets the needs of children & adults, relaxing place to visit, offers services not available elsewhere)	98%
			Feel listened to & supported (e.g. by other parents & carers or Thomley staff)	95%
			Feel less isolated (e.g. have met other families, have been able to talk about issues & concerns, know where to find additional support)	94%
			Have gained relevant advice about additional support (e.g. from Thomley Noticeboard newsletter, library, weblinks, advice from staff & other visitors)	82%
			Have gained play activity ideas (e.g. ideas that you can use at home, ideas that are more appropriate for the needs of your child)	68%
			Have gained understanding of disability issues (e.g. greater understanding & acceptance of differing disabilities, ideas for inclusion of disabled children in local community activities)	95%

DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS RELATING TO THE ABOVE QUESTIONS?.....

.....Continue on additional sheet if necessary

Feedback within the last evaluation highlighted the need for additional resources for children with visual impairments. Can you tell us what additional equipment or activities would you like to see at Thomley?

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP