

# Delamere Charitable Trust

Transforming the lives of Jewish children with learning disabilities

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## DELAMERE FOREST SCHOOL - HISTORY TIMELINE

The school was founded by Miss Margaret Langdon who Langdon formed a committee of young women in 1912. The funds were raised but everything put on hold during the war.

1919 Delamere Committee first met in July 1919 to discuss plans and Langdon found the site at Delamere. Architectural plans drawn up by architects JW Beaumont and Son in 1919. The building was designed to let in as much circulation of fresh air as possible. A Building and Finance committee was formed

11th July 1920. Foundation stones laid by Mrs. Quas-Cohen and corner stones by Edward H Langdon (Margaret's father), Mr A J Belisha, Councillor Finberg and Jacob Weinberg.

Delamere Forest School was opened in 1921 named Jewish Fresh Air Home and School for Delicate Manchester and Salford Children. The first children were admitted to the school on 11 July 1921. The school accommodated 20 boys and 20 girls. The school was officially opened on 23 July 1922 by Mr. Lionel de Rothschild and the building was dedicated by Chief Rabbi Dr. Hertz.

An aftercare committee was founded in 1922 to continue to monitor the welfare and progress of children after they were discharged from the school.

In 1925, new Rules were set out for the charity

10th June 1948 MBE awarded to Miss Margaret Langdon from George the Sixth

In 1949, a new Trust Deed was signed

1961 Celebrations held for Margaret Langdon 70th Birthday

12th July 1962 Victoria University of Manchester awards Degree to Margaret Langdon

In 1965, School name changed to Delamere Forest School for Delicate Jewish Children.

1960-1980 Emphasis developed into catering for children with special educational needs

1971 School's Golden Jubilee celebrations

1981 Name changed to Delamere Forest School for Jewish Children with Special Needs

1981 School's Diamond Jubilee celebrations

Around 1990 School opened new Classrooms and Bedroom Accommodation

Swimming pool officially opened by the Rt Hon Cecil Parkinson MP 31 Oct 1991

1996 Delamere 75th Anniversary celebrations

1998 The board was replaced by a Finance Committee

August 2007 The charity reincorporated as Delamere Forest School Limited

In 2010 The school relocated from Delamere to North Manchester after last Annual Day

July 2011 Financial pressures force the school to close for financial reasons

2012 Charity adopted the name Delamere Charitable Trust to reflect its new purpose.