

Delamere Charitable Trust

Transforming the lives of Jewish children with learning disabilities

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DELAMERE FOREST SCHOOL - HISTORY TIMELINE

1912 – The first charity to build the School was founded by Miss Margaret Langdon who formed a committee of young women. The necessary funds were raised but everything put on hold for the duration of the war

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

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

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

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

1925 - New formal rules were set out for the Charity.

1948, 10th June - An MBE was awarded to Margaret Langdon from George the Sixth

1949 – A new constitution was set up for the Delamere charity

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

1961 - Celebrations were held for Margaret Langdon's 70th Birthday

1962, 12th July - Victoria University of Manchester awarded Degree to Margaret Langdon

1965 – School name changed to Delamere Forest School for Delicate Jewish Children

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

c.1990 - School opened new classrooms and bedroom accommodation

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

1996 - Delamere 75th Anniversary celebrations

1998 - The Charity's Board was replaced by a Finance Committee

2007, August - The Charity reincorporated as Delamere Forest School Limited

2010 - The School relocated from Delamere to north Manchester after last Annual Day

2011, July - Financial pressures force the School to close

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