

Dear Group Leader,

Re: Siblings in York Project

Thank you so much for helping with the Family Fund voluntary consultation for our 'Siblings Matter Too' pilot. The activity is funded by a generous donation from York Rotary Club following our charity of the year status in the 2016 York Dragon Boat Challenge.

As you know, a survey was created to help us see what the siblings thought and altogether 300 surveys were sent out (60 surveys to groups and 240 electronically). The survey was live for September and October to allow for as many returns as possible. Responses from the groups were received by Family Fund as well as a small number of emails from parents giving feedback on their experiences.

We really do appreciate the support you gave and wanted to keep you updated in terms of the results. We would also like to say thank you to those individuals who responded to the survey, or gave feedback, and wondered if you might help us to do this. The survey responses were anonymous; however, if you know of individuals who completed the survey, please could you ask them to contact us? This can be done via email to siblings@familyfund.org.uk or by telephone on 01904 550066. We would like to acknowledge those who took the time to complete this for us.

We have now gathered all of the feedback which is enclosed with this letter but would welcome your further thoughts on what we might do next. The survey has collected some useful insight into what siblings want but a solid recommendation based on the survey has been difficult to identify due to things like being able to ascertain the size of the cohort, working out eligibility and keeping administration costs down.

We have an internal working group who analysed the results and favoured an event aimed to provide for as many of the aspirations articulated within the survey as possible which included; a climbing wall, animals to meet/care for, pony rides, characters (Disney, Cbeebies). This kind of event was felt to be something which reflected the nature in which the funding was raised - a fun event for everyone to get involved in. However, we would appreciate your input on our thought process and what you feel would be of the most benefit to the siblings.

We would welcome your thoughts on the above via email to siblings@familyfund.org.uk by Friday 16 February 2018.

Kind regards

Family Fund