

CHILDREN WANT BEST FOR THEIR PARENTS

Parents are used to the eye-rolling and sighing thrown at them by their teenage sons and daughters but it seems that underneath all that angst, most young people just want the best for their family.

Researchers at the University of Leeds are studying the lives and thoughts of 400 ordinary people and their latest findings show that, contrary to popular belief, teenagers really do appreciate their mother and father and want them to be happy in the future.

Nikki, 14, said: "Mum when she gets to 50, she wants to become a mad artist in the country with her pink hair. I hope she can do that."

Ashley, 14, said: "If I ever got rich I would always want to buy them a nice car or a house or whatever to repay them for what they've done."

Project lead researcher Sarah Baker said that many of the children who took part clearly had the best interests of their parents in mind. She added: "They hope that their mum and dad will have an enjoyable and relaxing life, perhaps moving to the countryside or overseas."

"They also want their parents to work less and to have a healthy old age – and they can see themselves contributing to support their parents in the future."

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