



EYE FUNDING INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

EYE funding enables nurseries to claim up to 38 weeks funding per year and Hordle Explorers Nursery opens 39 weeks per year. This means that there is a shortfall in funding over the course of the year which results in our funded children receiving an invoice.

The maximum number of hours and weeks we can claim per term does vary year on year and when your child exceeds these hours, parents will be charged for sessions at our standard hourly rate of £7.50 per hour.

This academic year the main shortfall has occurred in Spring and we have claimed funding for 11 weeks of a 12 week term so many of our funded families have received an invoice. Thank you for those who have made prompt payment for these.

A further invoice may be incurred for some families in Summer term if your child has run out of claimable hours at this point (this depends upon your child's funding start date and the number of hours they attend).

Please plan ahead for this and note that non-attendance or a request for a reduction of hours will NOT be accepted in lieu of payment. Please note that families are not charged for Inset Days and Bank Holidays and therefore any invoices will take these days into account and will be reduced accordingly.

2 YEAR FUNDING UPDATE

As many of you will be aware, the Government announced at the last budget that there would be some significant changes coming to 15 and 30 hours childcare funding support for 2 year olds in England which will begin from April 2024 for working parents. For full details on this please consult the letter attached to this Nursery Note (originally sent on 13th November).

Whilst we still do not have information on the details of this, we would encourage all working parents of 2 year olds to register on the **[Childcare Choices government website](#)** which will provide you with advice on when the best time to apply for your child's funding will be. Please could we ask that you follow the advice on the recommended time

to apply and diarise when to make your application.

Once you have registered on the site, you can subscribe to receive updates on the funding. The system will ask you to register with your email address and your local authority (please select Hampshire).

Please don't forget that the Tax Free Childcare scheme is also available to most families to support with the cost of childcare. For further information on how to apply please read the attached letter.

If you have any questions at any time please do not hesitate to contact us via **hen@hordleprimary.co.uk** or by calling the School Office on 01425 611657.



Online learning journal INTERACTIVE LEARNING DIARY (ILD)

We would like to remind parents to regularly login to Interactive Learning Journal (ILD) via the website or ILD Parent 2 App to view observations and photographs as part of your child's Learning Diary.

We also encourage parents to share activities/ photos that you are involved in outside nursery on the ILD programme. This can be anything from holidays, family activities and hobbies that you would be happy for us to discuss with

your child and other children as part of our daily talks. It is a wonderful way to stimulate conversation with the children and they always love to share their stories with their friends!

If you are unable to access the ILD please email hen@hordleprimary.co.uk and we will re-send an activation email.



Coming soon!

The ILD will shortly be launching an updated version of the Parent App which will also feature in-app notifications and lots more access to information about your child's time at Nursery. More information on this will follow in due course.

If you have any questions regarding the online Parent Portal system or the ILD 2 Parent App please do not hesitate to contact us.

WINTER IN TEAM WILD & NEST

The weather is certainly getting much colder now and we have had quite a lot of rain recently. We have put together what we hope is a useful guide on clothing for winter outdoor play, specifically for children in Team Wild. Children in Team Nest spend much of their time outside too, so please provide warm clothing, waterproofs and wellies for their sessions. Please don't forget to provide spare clothes in the children's bags.


If you have any questions at all please speak to a member of the Team.

HORDLE EXPLORERS

The Wild | Winter DRESS GUIDE

Team Wild has lots of play and learning that the children enjoy outside whatever the weather. Wearing the right clothes for the season helps to keep them comfortable and happy in their play.

Base Layer	Mid Layer	Outer Layer	Spares in bag
UNDERWEAR VEST NORMAL SOCKS TIGHTS / LEGGINGS	JOGGING BOTTOMS T-SHIRT AND LONG SLEEVE T-SHIRT WARM JUMPER THICK SOCKS	WATERPROOF COAT WATERPROOF TROUSERS (NO ALL-IN-ONES) WELLES / WINTER BOOTS WELLY SOCKS	WARM COAT HAT GLOVES / MITTENS PLENTRY OF EXTRA SPARES
TOP TIP Base layers are really important for insulating the body and keeping warm.	TOP TIP Mid layers are easy to layer up for colder days & create warm pockets around the child.	TOP TIP Waterproof layers keep the winter elements out so children stay dry and warm.	TOP TIP Layers made with fleece or wool are great for keeping children warm.



PARENT DROP INS

We are delighted to offer parents the opportunity to attend our nursery 'Drop in sessions' taking place on:

Thursday 1st February, 3:30-4:30pm.

If you would like to have a brief informal discussion with some of the nursery team, please pop along to either Team Nest or Team Wild from 3.30pm. You are welcome to attend, even if your child does not attend the nursery on Thursdays.

Please note that we expect it will be particularly busy at 3.30pm and thank you in advance for your patience whilst waiting to speak with a member of the team.

Nest parents are welcome to access the Nest drop in sessions via back gate. Team Wild sessions will be held at the Wild, accessed via the Wild gate.

ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION

If you know that your child will require medication on any given day, please ensure that you provide it to the school office and ensure that the morning dose is given before 8am to enable us to administer again at 12 noon.

Please can we remind families that any medications, including prescription medications are administered at midday. Please consider this when administering medications before school starts to ensure that sufficient time between doses has been applied.

ROAD CLOSURE

Everton Road will be closed from Monday 15 January for approximately 12 weeks due to essential gas maintenance works. There will be no through vehicle access past the closure on Everton Road between 215 and Manor House for the duration of the work. A signed diversion route will be in place for road users.

Pedestrian and cycle access as well as resident vehicle access to properties within the closure will be maintained. For more information about the road closure please read the **LETTER** from SGN.

ILLNESS & EXCLUSION PERIODS

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school or nursery or when they're unwell. Please visit the [website](#) for government guidelines about managing specific infectious diseases and advise for other illnesses.

In the interest of everyone enjoying a happy, healthy time at Hordle Explorers Nursery, we ask that all parents note the minimum periods of exclusion from school of most common childhood illnesses.

Please view **Exclusion Periods After Illness document** for the up to date guidance.

YEAR R ADMISSIONS

Applications for YR admissions in the school year beginning September 2024 must be submitted by Monday 15th January 2024.

For full information on how to apply and other key dates in the application process, please visit the **[Hampshire admissions website](#)**.

IMPORTANT DATES

NEW DATES ARE IN **BOLD**

YEAR R ADMISSIONS CLOSING DATE

MONDAY 15TH JANUARY 2024

PARENT DROP-IN SESSIONS

THURSDAY 1ST FEBRUARY, 3:30-4:30PM

SPRING HALF TERM HOLIDAY

MONDAY 12TH - FRIDAY 16TH FEBRUARY 2024

SPRING TERM 2 START

MONDAY 19TH FEBRUARY 2024

EASTER HALF TERM

FRIDAY 29TH MARCH - FRIDAY 12TH APRIL

SUMMER TERM 1 START

MONDAY 15TH APRIL