



Hordle CE (VA) Primary School & Nursery

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Dear Year 5 parent/guardian,

As the children are nearing the end of year five, we are writing to you to explain the process for applying for secondary school places.

Please note: the process for transferring to secondary school begins promptly in Autumn term however dates have not yet been published.

Application opens: Mid September 2018
Deadline for application: 31st October 2018
Notification of school: 1st March 2019

It is absolutely vital that parents have an application in by 31st October or they risk being allocated a school which is very far away. This causes a great deal of angst for families and children alike.

Hordle Primary School is a feeder school. Of both Arnewood Academy and Highcliffe Secondary School. We are not a feeder school for Priestlands and therefore we are not invited to participate in any of their transitional events in the way that we do with both Arnewood and Highcliffe.

It is our strong recommendation that parents allow their children to get a full and rounded picture of all the secondary schools their children could attend. This will be achieved through transition events within school time for both Arnewood and Highcliffe. If you wish your child to experience Priestlands you will need to make this arrangement personally with the school (see below).

Arnewood

Arnewood will be hosting a Y5 STEAM Day in July for all feeder schools. Hordle staff will accompany all Y5s to Arnewood for this on Wednesday 4th July (more details to follow).

In addition, Arnewood will invite the children back for a morning in September for a taste of life at the school. Hordle staff will accompany the children. This will be in school time and all children will attend as this is useful experience of secondary school regardless of which school your child intends to apply for.

Arnewood hosts parent information evenings in the Autumn term before applications close. Dates for this will be communicated accordingly via Arnewood School. More information will be available online at the start of the next academic year.

Highcliffe

Highcliffe School invite the children to visit in the Autumn term before the application deadline. Hordle staff will accompany the children. This will be in school time and all children will attend. This date is yet to be confirmed but will be communicated through Hordle school communications.

Highcliffe also host parent information evenings in Autumn term before applications close. Dates for this will be communicated accordingly via Highcliffe school. More information will be available online at the start of the next academic year.

Priestlands

As we are not a feeder school for Priestlands, we do not have any in-school transition events. If you would like to visit the school, parents are invited to contact Priestlands directly to make a separate appointment to have a taster morning with their child in the Autumn term. **In order to avoid clashes with other transition events, we recommend that you do not make appointments with Priestlands until the other transition taster morning dates have been announced.** We respectfully request that any visits are made in the afternoon so as not to disrupt core learning for the children in this important final year.

Priestlands also host parent information evenings in Autumn term before applications close. Dates for this will be communicated accordingly via Priestlands school. More information will be available online at the start of the next academic year. Please liaise with the school directly.

Should you require any further information about secondary school transition, please liaise with the respective schools themselves and not Hordle Primary School.

The Upper Junior Team

'That they may have life; life in all its fullness' John 10:10



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