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Dear Parents/Guardians,

SCHOOL FUNDING IS IN THE NEWS

You may have seen news headlines over recent months about the national reduction in school funding. This has resulted in head teachers lobbying the Government and now there will be a national day of parental action this Friday, 19th October.

Why do I need to know about this?

We think it is important for you to be aware of the impact of the national budget cuts on your child's education and what we are doing at Hordle to minimise the impact on your children.

How is school funding allocated and what is the problem?

Schools receive funding from the Government based on the number of pupils in their school and the area in which the school is based. In Hampshire, schools receive anything up to £3,000 less per pupil, than other counties.

Multiply this by the number of children we have and you can see immediately the impact on our school.

Meanwhile, costs continue to increase and often we do not have enough money to meet the demands placed on our school. These sorts of differences affect the number of staff we can employ, the quality of equipment we can buy and the longer term effects are a significant concern for us.

How do we currently use our funds?

The Senior Leadership Team and Governing Body work hard to ensure that all funding is used in the most effective way possible, with the needs of our children at the very core of the decisions we make and that our expenditure is not excessive.

We have always pledged to keep one teacher and one TA in every classroom, every morning in the core subjects, which many schools cannot financially achieve. This ensures that your children receive the highest quality teaching and that we remain an attractive employer; safeguarding the future of our high standards.

What is the impact on MY child?

However, this means there is very little money, if any, left to pay for the basic requirements the children need such as books.

What are we doing about the problem?

ALL the extras Hordle enjoys are paid for through additional funding, such as grants which the office team work tirelessly to win, donations and saving money wherever possible.

Examples include:-

- Bids for capital projects e.g. IT, PE Store, boiler replacement, entrance doors and staff room improvements
- PATCH – e.g. contributions to the Library refurbishment, the Hide, performance hall curtains, lighting and sound system, zip-wire, playground markings, lunchtime play equipment and a generous donation to each class
- Parent contributions – e.g. Cluckhouse, sponsorship for minibus, PE kit and other parental donations which are used to purchase IT and other equipment
- As a National Support School, some members of our Senior Leadership Team earn money for the school by delivering training and support to other schools
- Community painting days
- Tesco Bags4Help – development of wildlife area and training for outdoor learning

- One-off donations of equipment/resources e.g. interactive whiteboards
- Community Service Team - come in during the weekends and holidays to decorate and carry out practical jobs
- PCC – Annual donation per pupil which this year bought new classroom carpets
- Mr Burry – new classroom furniture

We are incredibly grateful for all those who have contributed towards these extras, as this all makes a huge difference to our school.

How can I get involved?

Add your voice to #parentsteachersunite on Facebook or Twitter to show the Government that we care about the future of our schools.

Who can I go to if I have further questions?

We will continue to strive to provide the best possible education for your children at Hordle. If you have any ideas or are able to offer help to the school in any way, please speak to a member of the Governing Body via the school office.

**Kind regards,
The Governing Body**

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



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