



PARENT FORUM

04.06.2025

Thank you to all those who submitted questions and queries to the Parent Forum. It is really great to see parents engaging. These questions have been discussed by the Governors at our recent Governing Body meeting. Please find below the questions and responses.

Can we return to face to face parents' evenings?	<p>There are pros and cons to both face to face and virtual parents evenings. However, having given this great consideration, we are aware that virtual parents' evenings are much more inclusive as we have a significantly higher percentage of working parents who are now able to attend meetings. We have seen a dramatic increase in meetings where both parents are able to attend with minimal impact on working arrangements. We offer other opportunities throughout the year to meet with the teacher face to face, such as parent drop ins, and we would like to remind all parents that should you ever need a 1:1 conversation with the class teacher, this can be booked through the school office.</p> <p>We will be sending out a survey in the newsletter to get parent feedback on face-to-face vs virtual learning reviews but we will be requesting a 100% return on this survey in order to make an informed decision.</p>
Why are you not using sustainable gifts for Special Person's day sales? The gifts you sell lack sentimental value and are often discarded/donated.	<p>Firstly, we do sell sustainable gifts for our Special Person's Day events. These include plants sourced from local nurseries, as well as a range of thoughtfully-selected products from other local suppliers.</p> <p>Our team of PATCH volunteers work exceptionally hard throughout the year to carefully select items that are not only meaningful but also practical. This includes gardening sets, barbecue kits and other keepsakes which can be treasured. We have always received really lovely feedback about the selection of gifts available.</p> <p>Furthermore, the PATCH team are deeply mindful of the throwaway society that surrounds us and the importance of needing to recycle and reuse. As a result, the team have consciously chosen to introduce a Secret Santa regifting window every year where any unwanted gifts families gather from events such as birthdays, Christmas and other occasions can be donated for our very popular Secret Santa event.</p>
Can you make home-made gifts in school time?	<p>I must emphasise that Special Person's Day has always been and will continue to be entirely voluntary. No child is ever required to participate in making a gift for a 'Special Person', especially given that there are many children across the school whose personal circumstances may mean this causes unnecessary distress. For this reason and to delicately manage a wide variety of personal circumstances, this event will remain one that families can choose to opt in or out of.</p>

	<p>be celebrated for improvement on a termly basis as well as end of year certificates.</p> <p>This change has already made a noticeable difference, allowing children who might previously have missed out to be acknowledged for their attendance.</p> <p>In addition to celebrating individual pupils' attendance, we have also introduced whole-class attendance awards. These give the children a collective sense of achievement, not just one for individuals.</p> <p>Celebrating other Achievements</p> <p>It is important for children and parents to know that attendance awards are only one way that we celebrate children's achievements at Hordle. Children have many opportunities to be recognised and rewarded across many areas of school life, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● STEP badges● Subject badges● Superhero Colours● Activity Passports● And many, many more <p>'That they may have life; life in all its fullness' is at the centre of everything we do here at Hordle. We want to ensure that every child has the potential to shine, and strive to provide as many opportunities as possible for them to feel valued and proud of their achievements.</p> <p>If you believe that your child has a significant medical need which requires regular hospital appointments, please make contact with the school office sending in evidence of hospital appointments. This will then be relayed to the attendance team.</p>
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