

Dear New Parent,

My name is Mandy Raybone and I am the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Co-ordinator (SENDCO) at Hordle Primary School and I would just like to extend a warm welcome to you as your child joins our school community.

At Hordle CE (VA) Primary School and Nursery we recognise that learning – both social and academic – is a complex process, with all children making progress at their own pace. It is usual for children to find some aspects of school life or the curriculum more challenging than others and, at times, they may require additional help and support to overcome these difficulties.

In most cases, this support will be delivered by the adults in your child's class through 'Ordinarily Available Provision' and high-quality teaching. However, where barriers to learning and progress remain, some children may require more targeted and specific intervention to help them move forward.

We also know that it can be a worrying time for families when children are facing struggles of any kind, and it is our aim to support you as well as your child.

As your child prepares to join us, **if you believe they may have any special educational needs or emerging challenges - whether already identified or something you are beginning to notice - we would strongly encourage you to speak with your child's class teacher as early as possible.** Early communication enables us to plan effectively for a smooth transition and to ensure that the right support is in place from the very beginning.

Good communication is imperative in ensuring the right support for your child, and your child's class teacher should always be your first point of contact if you have any concerns.

Should you wish to talk to me, now or at any point in the future, please do not hesitate to contact the school office to make an appointment or email me at mandy.raybone@hordleprimary.co.uk

I look forward to meeting you and your child soon.

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

