#### ABOUT THE HURST COMMUNITY SCHOOL



Approximate drive times:

Newbury to Tadley – 15 minutes

Basingstoke to Tadley – 15 minutes

Reading (J12) to Tadley -20 minutes

Winchester to Tadley -40 minutes

The Area

We are conveniently situated in the triangle between Reading, Newbury and Basingstoke with easy access to the M4 and the M3. London is 50 minutes away.

Tadley is a growing community with a range of facilities including:

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Swimming pool · Range of shops, supermarkets and garages

On-site Leisure Centre and Gym

Barclays, HSBC and Lloyds TSB banks

· Golf Course · Community Centre

· Library · Regular bus service to local towns

Health Centres
 Nurseries, Kindergarten and Playgroups

Dental surgery · Primary, Infant and Junior Schools

· Optician · Churches

The Atomic Weapons Establishment at Aldermaston and Calleva Park provide jobs for many people in the area but others commute to London.

# The School

We have a beautiful rural site with extensive playing fields, open areas for sitting and hard play areas. The four main teaching blocks are surrounded by garden areas and trees.





There are currently 820 pupils on roll drawn from a wide rural catchment area including Tadley, Baughurst, Sherborne St John, Bramley and Silchester. The school has a unique position in the community providing continuing education for local people. There are extensive community facilities including:

- Squash courts
- Fitness gym
- 2 sports halls
- Snooker room
- Bar

- Open air swimming pool
- Photographic dark room
- A pre-school nursery
- After school and day care facilities

# The Curriculum

A wide range of subjects is offered to GCSE and GNVQ level. Some pupils are also involved in work related learning which involves time in college each week. We have close links with Queen Mary's College and Basingstoke College of Technology where pupils continue education Post 16.

In Key Stage 3 pupils follow the National Curriculum. Drama, Geography, History and RE are taught as discrete subjects. The school operates a 6 period 50 minute day with a 20 minute morning break and a 45 minute lunch break. Our day starts at 8.40am and finishes at 3.10pm but many areas offer extra-curricular activities.

# How we care for staff

• The Hurst has IIP status which means we are committed to the development of all our staff.

- The Staffroom Committee organises regular staff events.
- Free tea and coffee in the staffroom.
- A newly decorated and furnished staffroom with microwave and fridge and work area with computer facilities.

# How we care for pupils

• Pupils are in one of 4 houses:

#### ENDEAVOUR, CHALLENGER, VICTORY, INVINCIBLE.

- House activities include:
- » Assemblies
- » Poetry Competition
- » Talent Competition
- » Tug of War
- » Charity Work.
  - Pupils have House and School Councils through which they can discuss school issues and make recommendations.
  - Responsibility is encouraged through:
- » Prefects in Year 11
- » Monitors in Year 10
- » Sports Captains in all years
- » House Captains in Year 11.

# WHAT WE CAN OFFER YOU

**Pre-school nursery places for staff children** in our on-site nursery – Miss Polly's.

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### Current Fees (as at Jan 01):

0 to 2 years	2 to 3 years	3 to 5 years
£120 full week	£115 full week	£105 full week
£26 full day	£25 full day	£22 full day
£13.25 per session	£12.75 per session	£12 per session

### There is a 20% discount for staff.

• After school club for children who attend our local primary schools.

## FREE Adult Education Classes

- » FEFC Vocational Courses are free to staff.
- » Many non-vocational courses are also available (fee payable).
- » An opportunity to teach adult classes in the evening.

### Access to the on-site Woodlands Fitness Gym

This facility is **FREE** to staff at off-peak times

(7am-5pm Mon-Fri and all day Saturdays and Sundays.

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## Housing

A young teacher sharing a house in Basingstoke and Reading can expect to pay between £250 and £300 a month. In Newbury the cost is £300 a month.

A 3-bedroomed house in Basingstoke or Newbury - £120,000 +.

## A fully equipped computer room

