

Hertford Hornets Junior Netball Club

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To Whom it May Concern

We are writing to support Presdales School in their application to East Herts Council for floodlights on their outdoor netball courts.

Hertford Hornets Junior Netball Club has been running since 1973. We are a local club, attracting players from Hertford and Ware, and have been using Presdales School's current facilities for over 10 years. We currently have 157 players within the Junior club, ranging from Yr 3 to Y11, many of whom are students at Presdales School. This number is due to increase from September when we have a new age group joining the club. Our Senior Club has circa 70 members.

As you can imagine we need to cater for all of these girls to participate in training once a week. We would like to use the outdoor facilities at Presdales School throughout the Winter months (Sep to April) and Summer months (April to June) for training, however, as our training sessions are mainly in the evening, we would only be able to use the courts in the winter if floodlights were available. With the introduction of floodlit courts we would be able to extend our use of Presdales School facilities, meaning the funding for the 3 year groups currently using alternative venues, then could be directed towards a local school.

We recognise Presdales School is a girls only school, and with this in mind, are supportive of the physical and mental benefits netball can bring to young girls. Having access and visibility within the school grounds would hopefully encourage more girls to participate in an ever growing sport and keep the local clubs alive.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Emma Ward'.

Emma Ward

Chairperson

Hertford Hornets Junior Netball Club