



Dear Parent/Carer

We are delighted to inform you that Hillcrest is in the process of joining Children's University and we would like to encourage you to enrol your child into the scheme.

What is Children's University?

Children's University is a national scheme that works in partnership with schools to develop children's love of learning through encouraging and celebrating participation in extra-curricular activities in and outside of school. Any child aged 5 - 14 years can join.

How does Children's University work?

Children are encouraged to take part in extra-curricular *Learning Activities* at Children's University validated *Learning Destinations*. These might be school-based clubs, such as after-school or lunchtime clubs, or out-of-school clubs and societies, formal sports activities, Scouting and Guiding groups, museums, libraries or other destinations such as historical sites, parks and outdoor centres.

Every child member will receive a *Passport to Learning*, which they can use to record every Learning Activity that they complete. There is also an *E-passport*, a secure online portal, on which they can record their learning activities and share information and photos with other children in their school. Downloadable Learning Activity sheets to complete at home are also available on the national website.



Upon achieving 30 hours of Learning Activities, children will graduate in true university style with caps and gowns and all the pomp and ceremony of a traditional Graduation Ceremony hosted by UWE at the end of the school year.

What are the benefits?

Children benefit from Children's University membership in a variety of ways:

- Children gain a real sense of achievement beyond formal education
- Children often achieve better in school having been motivated by something that they succeed at outside of regular lessons
- Children's University can provide a vehicle for families to learn together
- Children's University provides new ideas for exciting places for families to visit
- Members are invited to events and activities at the University of the West of England

Further info

For further information about the scheme, please visit the national Children's University website at <http://www.childrensuniversity.co.uk/home/learn-with-us/child-membership/>

Next steps

Membership to the scheme costs £5 per child. To enrol your child into the scheme, please complete the attached form and return it to the school office by the last day of term, 21st December. Payment can be made via School Gateway.

I would like to enrol my child in the Children's University.

Child's name _____

Class _____

Parent/carer's name _____

Signed _____

Date _____

I have paid £5 for my child's Passport to Learning on School Gateway.

Deadline for payment: 21st December 2018