

August/September 2024



Staff Changes

We would like to welcome Kirsty to TeamHillend. Kirsty was successful for our 2 -1/2 day EYECO post. You will find Kirsty in our Snowdrops Room.



We would like to officially welcome Kieran to our #TeamHillend. Kieran is one of our Learning Support Assistants.



Sharon will now be in the sunflower room.

We have included posters of “Look who’s in” each playroom on our twitter and our closed Facebook group so you can become familiar with our staff team.

This will also be available on the website.

Welcome/Welcome Back Hillend Family

We would like to welcome you all to the Team Hillend Family.

We cannot wait to build great relationships/partnerships with you and be part of your child’s learning journey. Your children have settled in so well- we are very proud of them all 😊.

And a huge welcome back to our returning families and children.

Please don’t hesitate to call at any time.

Events

Here are some dates to keep in the diary.

Wednesday 18th September 2024- Dinky Diggers- Stay & Play with parents and children.

Wednesday 25th of September 2024- Workshop – Introduction to Learning Journals and more about Hillend...

Friday 27th & Monday 30th of September 2024– September Weekend Holiday for Model 1 children only.

Monday 14th to 18th October 2024– October Week Holiday for Model 1 children only.

Monday 21st October 2024- In-service day – Closed to all children.

Tuesday 22nd of October 2024- All children return.

Ways to communication

Please remember the different ways we have of keeping in touch.

Please keep your **contact information** up to date with us.

These methods are important when we share information and keeping you up-to-date with the goings on at Hillend.

You can phone: 01475 715710.

Nursery twitter page: @hillend_cc

Groupcall xpressions app

Email: inhillend@glowscotland.onmicrosoft.com

Closed Facebook group. (Sharing of information- search: - Hillend Children’s Centre)

If you require any further information on how to access any of the above please speak to Stacey Barbour—01475 715710.

Jewellery

Please ensure your child does not wear jewellery to nursery. Under Inverclyde Council's Health and Safety policy, any child wearing earrings, necklaces etc. cannot participate in outdoor or physical play. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call for further information.

Unwanted Clothes/socks/pants

We are running low on our spare clothes. If you are getting rid of any unwanted, tops, socks, pants, trousers, leggings we would be extremely grateful if you would be happy to donate to us.

Medication

Please note that although we are happy to give your child medication this **must** have a pharmacy-dispensing label stating your child's name and dosage on the packaging. You will also require to complete a "**Medication Passport**" booklet, this needs to be signed by a parent. You will get this form from a member of staff. We also ask if you have to leave medication in your child's bag please inform staff as this **MUST** be locked away and not left in child's bag within cloakroom.

Car Park

Please avoid parking in the disabled space or the bus drop off point when picking up and dropping off your child – unless this has been discussed with the management team.

We ask parents if they could avoid parking in the drop off and pick up area between the hours of 8am-9.30am – 12.20pm and 5.45pm – this will support the bus drivers parking & yourselves.



Attendance Matters

Attendance at nursery has a positive impact on your child's development and learning. We follow Inverclyde council's procedure for attendance matters.

Please phone the nursery– **01475 715710** if your child is unable to attend either due to sickness or appointments.

If you do not contact us, we will phone to ensure everything is ok so we express the importance to inform us with this information on your child.

Can we please request that you inform us of holidays and appointments in advance if possible.

Please remember to keep your **contact information** up to date and if someone other than yourself is picking you child up from nursery please let a member of staff know and make sure they have your **child's password**.

ASN Parents and Carer Group

The ASN group has provided us with future meetings so you can plan your year ahead.

Monday 16th September 2024- 12pm-2pm- Greenock Carers Centre.

Tuesday 29th October 2024- 7pm-9pm- Westburn Church

Monday 18th November 2024- 12pm-2pm- Greenock Carers Centre



Outdoor / Indoor Play

Play is the way! So sometimes, we need a little help to support all this wonderful learning and development your child will experience throughout the day.

Can you please provide your child with:

- **Welly boots/outdoor shoes**
- **Extra change(s) of clothing/socks/shoes etc. in case of accidents- messy play- and lots of exploring.**

Please could you put your child's name on clothes/shoes as this helps us correctly identify your child's personal clothes.

We understand life is busy therefore if your child has no spare clothes we may need to call to bring some- Thank you for your understanding.

Dinky Diggers- Outdoor Stay & Play

You are welcome to come along to Hillend for an outdoor stay & play with your child facilitated by Dinky Diggers on the following dates.

1pm-2pm - Wednesday 18th September 2024

1pm-2pm - Wednesday 23rd October 2024

1pm-2pm - Wednesday 20th November 2024

There will be lots to explore, Bug hunting, chalk drawing, loose parts play and lots more.

Please let the nursery know if you will be attending on any of these days so we can support this further.

Online Learning Journals

As we move forward in this new journey together there are some simple rules we would ask you to follow in regards to the learning journals:-

1. It is crucial that you keep us up-to-date with your correct information in order for the learning journals to work.
2. If you need any support using them- please don't hesitate to ask.
3. Please put photos and stories to share their learning and adventures from home too.

Improvement Plan

We would like to share our priorities as a service for this coming session.

They are:-

- Improving children's attainment & supporting their development needs.
- Closing the attainment gap.
- Improving children's health & wellbeing.
- Placing the human rights and needs of every child and young person at the centre of education.

You are all a part of this journey and we welcome you to look at our improvement plan further within our display wall or on our website to see how we will achieve these moving forward and how you would like to be involved.

A great start in life

Do you have a child under 5?

Would you like to:

- feel more confident as a parent?
- reduce mealtime stress?
- enjoy being active as a family more often?
- encourage your child away from screens and TV?
- see your child eat more fruit and vegetables?
- gain ideas to help with family routines?

"I will be recommending this course to everyone. Thank you for this life changing opportunity."

Free HENRY programme starting soon:

Complete the self-referral form at www.bit.ly/henry24, or call Louise on 07387 414 287 for more information.



Click below for the self-referral form regarding the Free Henry Programme:-

[Self-Referral Form HENRY: Families with Children between 0 - 12 years: Registration Powered by Webropol \(webropol-surveys.com\)](#)



Hover your camera app over the QR codes for Inverclyde's Children and Families team for some more valuable information.

GREEN- Twitter

BLACK- Facebook

ASN Parent and Carer Group Inverclyde

Coffee & Catch Up



Monday 16th September

12-2

*Inverclyde Carers Centre
Cathcart St Greenock*

This month we have a solicitor coming to discuss Guardianship and answer any questions you may have.

Website

Please click below on our website for further information.

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/in/hillendcc/>

We place the Lunch menus, Model calendars, our improvement plans, our standards & quality and many more important items.

Please check out, read and catch up with any further updates and information.

Please don't hesitate to call us if you have any further questions.

Thank You

We thank you for your continuous support and your opinions matter to us – so please do not hesitate to contact us, as we would love to hear your suggestions and if you have any further questions from the above.

Check our website and ways to communicate regularly for updates.

Remember you can always speak to a member of the senior leadership team – Sonia, Ann, Joyce or Stacey.

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