

Hillend's



Newsletter

August/September 2026

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.

We hope our returning families had a great break and are all looking forward to returning 😊

Staff Changes/updates

Room changes

As you may be aware from your enrolment packs/ returner packs and learning journals there has been a few staff changes within each playroom.

As your aware all staff at some point in the day spend time in each playroom so all children have a familiar face internal transitions have been put in place and staff have been spending time with the children to build these relationships further.

SLT (Senior Leader Team) are also going to be supporting the playrooms:

Deputy Ann is supporting Sunflowers Room

Deputy Joyce is supporting Snowdrop's Room

Senior EYECO Stacey is supporting Bluebell's Room

If you have any questions regarding the above, please don't hesitate to phone and ask.

Gardening Group

Weekly on Wednesday 1-3
Thursday 10-12

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FOR MORE INFO CONTACT CHRIS AT BELVILLE COMMUNITY GARDEN TRUST
TEL: 01475 325065

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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.

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 4.45pm – this will support the bus drivers parking & yourselves.

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 completing 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 must 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.

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.**

This is for you and your child's safety.

Improvement Plan

We would like to share our priorities as a service for this coming session. They are: -

Priority 1/2:

- Closing the attainment gap between the most and least disadvantaged children and young people.
- Improvements in attainment, particularly in literacy and numeracy.

Priority 3:

- Improvement in children and young people's health and wellbeing.

Priority 4:

- Placing 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.

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.

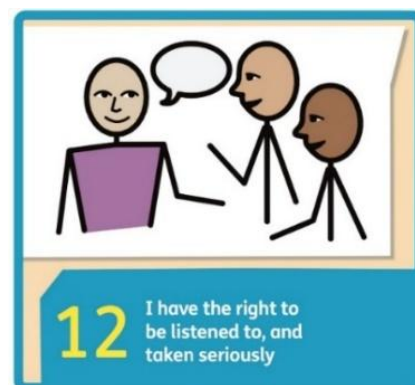
Can you please provide your child with:

- **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 belongings.

Please remember to apply sun cream to your child prior to them attending nursery we can reapply throughout the day- this ensures the children can access outdoors as soon as possible.

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



Online Learning Journals

A reminder of some house rules we would ask you to follow regarding the learning journals: -

1. It is crucial that you keep us up to date with your correct information 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.

Child Protection

It is everyone's responsibility to protect children.

At Hillend Children's Centre we ensure we have a caring and safe environment. All adults have a responsibility to protect children and here is further information to support you on this important matter.

Please click the link below regarding key information for Hillend Children's Centre:

[Child Protection | Hillend Children Centre](#)

Please click the link below for further Information through Inverclyde Council:-

[Child Protection - Inverclyde Council](#)

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.

Sickness

If your child is unwell please contact the nursery.

Please keep us updated until your child is well enough to return to nursery.

We have further information on our Infection control leaflet.

If you have further concerns regarding your child's illness visit NHS inform Scotland for further information.

[Scottish health information you can trust | NHS inform](#)

Security

The nursery has a secure door entry system.

When entering or leaving the building, please be aware of who you're letting in/out around you.

Passwords:

Please do not be offended if we ask the person collecting your child for their password. This is for your child's safety.

Please let us know who's picking your child up if that changes and inform them of your child's password.

Parental Involvement

We like to encourage parents to become involved in their children's time at nursery in lots of ways!

If you have any skills, you could share with the children or have any suggestions we would LOVE to hear from you.

We want you involved in #TeamHillend.

No 1 in team 😊

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.

Events

Here are some dates to keep in the diary.

Thursday, 24 September 2026 - closed at the end of the day for Model 1 Children.

Tuesday, 29 September 2026 - Model 1 Children return.

Wednesday 23rd September 2026- Workshop – Introduction to Learning Journals for parents

Friday, 9 October 2026 - closed at the end of the day for Model 1 Children.

Monday 19th of October 2026 – In-service Day – all children are off – this is a training day for staff.

Tuesday, 20 October 2026 - Model 1 Children return.

Wednesday 21st of October 2026 – Fundraising Event (*Further information to follow*).

Wednesday 11th November 2026- Stay & Play – Workshop. (*Further information to follow*).

Wednesday 25th November 2026- Grandparents Day / Bring a special person day.

Wednesday 16th December 2026- Christmas PARTY TIME / Special Visitor.

Tuesday, 22 December 2026 – closed at the end of the day for all staff and children.

Wednesday, 23 December 2026 to Tuesday, 5 January 2027 (Christmas & New Year)

Wednesday, 6 January 2027 – All staff and children return.



**Specialist Children's Services
Community Paediatric Teams**

**Weekly Advice Lines for
Inverclyde Area**



NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde Specialist Children's Services run weekly advice lines for parents / carers or anyone working with children and young people.

Inverclyde Area Weekly Advice Lines:

Physiotherapy

Monday 10am-12pm 01475 505198

Speech and Language Therapy

Wednesday 12:30pm-4pm 01475 506150

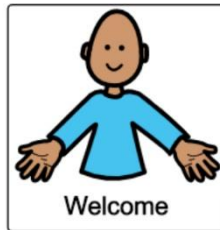
Occupational Therapy

Thursday 9:30am-12noon 0141 314 4624

If for any reason the advice line is not running, please try again next week.

[KIDS for Families | RHCG](#)

The Sign of the Week is.....



Sign of the Week

At Hillend we pride ourselves in a variety of total communication methods. We have worked hard to put together our sign of the week.

Every week we will have a sign of the week displayed on our “Communication Station” wall display and we will also share on your child’s learning journal and closed facebook group. You can even get involved further by being in our videos (just let us know😊)

We would like to build on this further with our staff, children, families and the wider community. This means we are building a deeper understanding and learning together as a team.

Please don’t hesitate to ask for resources on the “Communication Station Wall” you see or help yourself when in nursery.



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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