



Forehill Early Childhood Centre

August/September Newsletter 2026



A big welcome back to all our returning children and a warm welcome to all our new children and families joining us. All of our children are enjoying exploring the playrooms and outdoors using our new resources!

Dropping Off and Collection of Children

AM Session – 8am-12:45pm (main entrance doors will open 12.35pm to collect)

Term Time – 8.50am – 2.50pm

52 Weeks – 8am – 5.25pm (Main entrance doors to collect anytime after 3.05pm)

- Child Protection - If someone new/different is picking your child up that EYC staff are not familiar with please provide a password to the staff member on the door and to the person picking up your child. If on short notice, please call the ECC office.
- Children should be dropped off in the morning at the doors at the back of the centre. Gates will be open for AM children from **8am and close at 9.05am**. If you are late you should go to the main entrance but there might be a short waiting time until your child can be taken into the playrooms so we can ensure all children are marked on the registers.
- If your child is going to be absent please call the main office or email ForehillEYC.mail@south-ayrshire.gov.uk

Groups

<u>Buttercup Room</u>	<u>Daisy Room</u>	<u>Little Nest</u>
Senior EYP - Vicky & Toni	Senior EYP – Stephanie & Toni	Red – Brooke O
Red – Cheryl	Red – Caitlin	Purple - Avril
Purple – Brooke	Purple – Lynn	
Orange - Sarah	Orange – Sam	
Pink - Melanie	Pink – Charan	
Green - Lorna	Green – Fiona & Courtney	
Blue – Jennifer	Blue – Jade	
Lime – Chloe/TBC	Lime – Rhona	
Yellow - Gillian	Yellow - Kerry	
<u>Senior Management Team</u>		
Head of Centre – Kimberly Lennox		
Depute Managers – Jackie Kelly & Angela Milligan		
<u>Other Staffing</u>		
Principal Teacher – Linsey Hood (Monday/Tuesday)		
Clerical Assistant – Annette Symington		
Support Assistant – Silvia		
Catering Assistant - Lynsey		

We are delighted to welcome Courtney Watkins to the team as a new EY Practitioner. Joanna will be finishing on 21/8/26 to enjoy her maternity leave, we can't wait to meet your new addition!

Food & Drinking water

- Drinking water is available in the centre all day inside and outdoors. Milk is provided at lunch and snack.
- Snack is provided from 9.30 – 10.45am – A copy can be found at reception.
- Lunches will be served from 11:35am – A copy can be found at reception and online.
- South Ayrshire provides every child with a main meal and either soup or fruit.
- We are encouraging all children to experience the lunch time meals, however if you would like to discuss this further, please contact your child's key worker.
- **No foods containing NUTS or "may contain nuts" are permitted in the Centre as we are a NUT FREE ZONE to support children with allergies.**



Personal Care Plans

All children are required by law to have a Personal Care Plan within the Centre to inform staff of any health, welfare or safety needs and so keyworkers can support any next steps your child's learning and development. These MUST be completed within 28 days of your child's start date. Dates will be available from the 31st August – please see sign up sheets will be available from Monday 24th Sept.

Brilliant Books

All children will have their own "Brilliant Book" which will capture evidence of their care and learning throughout their time at Forehill. These will be sent home to update and share with your families, but they MUST be returned as this is a record of their learning.

EYC Clothing & Bags

- All children should bring a spare set of clothing in a plastic bag to be kept in the EYC.
- **Children should NOT bring a backpack to the EYC.**
- Please label any of your own child's clothing, this is to prevent it from becoming lost or mixed up with others clothing, thank you.
- Children will get dirty DAILY so please recognise this as them having lots of fun and not a negative! Old clothes are better!
- Children still requiring nappies, pullups and wipes should provide these in a clear bag labelled with your child's name. We cannot accept fully packets of nappies for storage. We will update you when they need topped up.

Allergies and Health Conditions

This year we have children attending who have significant allergies and health conditions. If your child has an allergy or intolerance, you must inform your child's keyworker and complete the online

form so that the catering staff can amend the menu for them.



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Outdoors

All children experience outdoor play daily in **all weather conditions**. We absolutely prioritise the health and wellbeing of the children and our knowledge in outdoor learning has demonstrated the benefits to children's health, emotional regulation and communication skills. Please encourage your child to explore our wonderful outdoor garden and learn all about their surroundings!

If possible, we would like to ask that all children bring Wellies and a Waterproof outdoor suit/set (trousers and jackets are easier for children to put on.) to keep in the EYC.

We look forward to sharing out plans for our Forest Kindergarten starting after the September weekend!

Communication

ALL information and updates are posted on the Eduspot App which is free to download. Please ensure you have this downloaded to the homepage of your device **with notification ON**. We very rarely use paper copies. Our blog also has regular updates including, newsletters, event information and children's learning.

Can you please update any telephone numbers, address changes or collection details for your child on your annual data form and return to the centre.

Shared Learning

This year shared learning will look a little differently so that we can meet parent requests from last year to have them more often! We will have a normal session in September where parents/carers are welcomed into the centre to play and explore the playrooms and garden. Moving forward we will then have smaller group sessions throughout the following months as we know some dates are not suitable for everyone, this will hopefully provide a wider choice, however we ask that you only sign up to one of the smaller sessions. We can't wait for you to explore our playrooms with your wee people and have lots of FUN!

Coffee & Chat

These provide parents and carers with the opportunity to have an informal chat with our Head of Centre, or Depute Managers and EYP's about any updates happening or time to provide suggestions while having a little treat! Everyone is welcome and you don't need to attend them all just whatever suits you. It is a lovely way to meet others within the centre and help build a strong community for our little people.

Dates for diary

- **September**
 - Personal Care Plan Meetings - Week beginning Monday 31st August to Wednesday 9th . Please pick a date and time that suits.
 - Coffee and Chat with Kimberly – Friday 4th September 9am – 10am.
 - Parent/Carers Shared Learning (stay and play) – Tuesday 15th to Thursday 17th – Sign up sheets will be available soon.
 - September Weekend – EYC Closed Friday 18th & Monday 21st.
- **October**
 - Shared Learning Tuesday 6th and Thursday 8th.
 - October Holiday Week – Monday 12th Centre Closed, Tuesday 13th – Friday 16th Open for 52 week children only.
 - Coffee and Chat – Monday 26th October 9am – 10am
- **Monday 20th October** – In-service day for staff – ECC closed

Communication Links

- Edu Spot APP – **EVERYONE MUST DOWNLOAD THIS.**
- Forehill Telephone number between 8am and 4pm – 01292 612461. After 4pm the office is closed so the telephone number is 01292 436760.
- Email: ForehillEYC.mail@south-ayrshire.gov.uk
- Blog: <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/sa/forehilleyc/>

