

# Hillside Pre-school



Charity Number 1019979

Telephone Number 0117 9478371

Term 3 January 2022



We hope that you've all had a lovely Christmas and New Year. We are pleased to welcome back all our children and parents for a fresh term. A big warm welcome to the new children and families. We are excited to start our new 'winter topic', exploring all aspects of the session. Threading through all the 7 areas of learning to ensure a rich and well-rounded learning experience.

Due to ongoing Government Guidelines, we would politely ask for all parents to wear a mask at drop off and collection time.

Please see attached further information about our Preschool. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to see a member of staff.

## Term dates

Term 3 Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022 – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Term 4 Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022 – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Term 5 Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Term 6 Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022

(Please note last day will be Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July to allow for extra bank holiday)

## In-set days

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022

4 more In-set dates to be confirmed.

## Important Notice.

We need to introduce a password system for anyone collecting your child that the pre-school staff do not know or recognize, this includes Mum's or Dad's that do not usually collect the child. This is to protect the children and staff. You will choose a password; this will then be recorded securely with your other records. We can then refer to this at collection time if we do not recognize the person collecting your child. Even with this system in place we would still appreciate you telling us in the morning if someone new is collecting your child that day. Thank You.



Preschool opens at 9am. Being on time is essential for your child to settle in and start the day with all the other children. This gives them confidence and a solid start to the day.

Pick up is 3:00pm again punctuality is appreciated.

In unavoidable situations please ring to let us know of any delay.



Illness and Absence..

It is important that if your child is unwell or off preschool for the day then please ring to let us know the reason why they are off so we can help advise you on when it is best for them to return. (0117 9478371)

See Attached - Further information about the Preschool.



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Please ensure your child has appropriate clothing for Pre-school. We do a lot of art work like painting and outside play so please do not dress children in clothes you do not want them to get dirty, some children worry about this and it can affect their enjoyment of an activity. With colder weather Approaching packing a jumper and coat is essential.

## Developing a Healthy Lifestyle.

As part of the parent/carers and preschool parentship.

We intend to develop a strategy to include: -

- Healthy Eating



## Snack times

We supply milk and water. Daily fruit/vegetable or bread stick donations are welcome for the children to share at snack time.

When children bring in their water bottle it should only contain water, not fizzy or fruit drinks.

## Lunchtime Pack lunch

We encourage a balanced and healthy packed lunch to promote good health and oral hygiene.

Examples are: Brown bread, wraps, pitas, crackers with an appropriate filling also pasta, yogurt and fruit.

Where possible to avoid processed foods, for example chocolate, crisps and fried foods.

This regime is expected to follow on to primary school. NO juice/squash/fizzy drinks in water bottles please, this is bad for your children's teeth.

## Table manners

We promote good table manners, to sit on a chair at the table during snack and lunchtimes, to drink from a cup (not a baby bottle) and to eat their food carefully.

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### Toilet training

Children of preschool age should be able to use the toilet independently, and not be wearing nappies. We fully understand that some children may have toilet issues and we will support parents with their efforts in this where necessary. We do not have baby changing facilities. Preschool staff will always be available to help the children to use the toilet.



### Coats

We would encourage parents and carer to teach your child to take off their own coats, and put them on to go outside.

All the above will help your child's development at preschool and also help later on at primary school.

## General

We can all work together to achieve what is best for your child giving them a foundation for education in primary school.

Please see any member of staff if you wish to discuss any aspect or any of the above, we will always be happy to help you in your child's development.

Every child enjoys being read to, and we encourage you to spend some time reading to your child at home, this will increase their concentration, understanding and promote an enjoyment of reading.

We do not administer comforters, baby bottles or comfort blankets, this is due to hygiene issues.

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## Introducing the Preschool Team



Liz Grimshaw – Preschool Leader



Anna Maggs - Deputy Assistant



Jane White - Preschool Assistant



Abby Brookshaw – Preschool Assistant



Kirsty Spear – Preschool Assistant