

# Hillside Pre-School & Early Learning Group



## Term Dates 2022/2023

Date	Event	Extra Information
Tuesday 6th September	Pre-School returns	
Monday 19th September	Closed for Queens Funeral	
October 24-28th	Half term	
Monday 31st October	Pre-school closed - inset day	Return 1st November
Thursday 15th December	Last day of term (before Christmas break)	
Wednesday 4th January	Pre- school returns	
February 13th - 17th	Half term	
Monday 20th February	Pre-school closed - inset day	Return 21st February
Thursday 30th March	Last day of term (before Easter break)	
Monday 17th April	Pre-school returns	
Monday 1st May	Pre-school closed	Bank holiday
29th May - 2nd June	Half term	
Monday 5th June	Pre-school closed - inset day	Return 6th June
Wednesday 19th July	Last day of term (before summer break)	First School finish on Friday 21st July

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Thursday 21st September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our first email newsletter, there will be regular newsletters with photographs of the children and information about the activities they have experienced and links to the Early Years Foundation Stage (2021). The newsletters will be sent out to all parents email addresses, so if you do not want your child's image to appear on the newsletters please email us at [office@hillsidepreschool.org](mailto:office@hillsidepreschool.org) as soon as possible.

This first newsletter contains important information for parents, please also note the pre-school term dates, including recently added inset days.

We have students from time to time joining us from September. The students will be supervised at all times and will not attend to children's personal care.

Please ensure that all clothing and lunch boxes (for those staying to lunch) are named – including drinks bottles.

We understand that our youngest children may need a comforter from time to time but please discourage your child from bringing in toys, that may then get lost and cause distress.

If your child is staying for lunch please do not send your child in with any nuts or nut-based products; such as peanut butter, Nutella or fruit&nut bars . We discourage chocolate and sweets, please ask us if you would like any guidance for ideas and healthy options for lunch boxes.

Safeguarding procedures - we would ask that you do not use your mobile phones whilst you are delivering or collecting your child. If you wish to see the policy a copy is available in the entrance hall and on our website.

Food bank vouchers -Preschool are authorised to distribute vouchers. If you find yourself in any difficulty please contact Mrs Ford or Mrs Pitcher in confidence, as they are authorised to distribute the vouchers to a family in need.

Pupil Premium and 30 hours funding - If your family is in receipt of benefits you may be entitled to Pupil Premium for your child. Benefits include – Income support, Income based job-seekers allowance, Income related Employment and Support allowance, Child tax credit (but not if you receive Working tax credit). Pupil Premium is paid to the setting to help the education of your child. If you think you are eligible for Pupil Premium please ask to Mrs Ford for a form.

If you think that you may be eligible for 30 hours funding (and haven't already applied for it), the Government website [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk) has more information. You must apply the term before funding is due so if your child will be entitled to funding from January now is the time to apply.

Kind Regards,

Elaine Ford  
Pre-School Manager

