



Hillside Pre-School & Early Learning Group

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Welcome back to the Autumn term, to those returning to us and to our new families.

Our main focus this term will be Autumn, The Farm and Harvest. Attached is information for you to help your child at home, linked to the focus of this half term. There is also a sheet of stars, if your child does something at home that you wish to share with us please fill out a star and hand it to a supervisor or to your child's key person.

We have students from time to time joining us from September. 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.

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 nut based products such as peanut butter, Nutella or fruit&nut bars. We discourage chocolate sweets, and have 'Healthy Ted's Lunch Box' 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.

Mrs Penny Johnson has attended training for 'Adult Mental Health Awareness' and is now Mental Health Aware – she can signpost you in the right direction to obtain information or help. If you wish to speak to her in confidence please ring or make an appointment.

Food bank vouchers -Preschool are authorised to distribute vouchers. If you find yourself in any difficulty please contact Mrs Ford in confidence. Mrs Pitcher, and Mrs Smith are also 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 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.

Important dates - Half term Monday 25th – Friday 30th October 2021.

Monday 1st November is an inset day so no school or pre-school.

We return on Tuesday 2nd November 2021. Dates are also shown on our website.

