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Annual report for Gillingham Early Years for the parish council meeting

This year has seen a lot of changes at Gillingham Early Years. We have a new manager and 2 new staff, still over seen by me, all making for a brilliant team. We still strive to be the best we can at providing individual, quality care and education to all the children that attend our setting while supporting the families too and are looking forward to our next Ofsted inspection.

We currently have 40 children on roll and have been full since Christmas '21. We are sending 13 children off to Primary school in September but already have 10 children on the waiting list to start, so September 2022 looks to be a busy one too.

Unfortunately, Mr. Bramley decided that he no longer wanted to let us use the forest area to the back of the preschool so we no longer have access to this natural area, we have tried to incorporate some more planting and natural resources in our fenced play area and continue to go on walks in the village when we can. We also try to have as many visits as we can from the wider community, for instance we have had Saaf bees visit, regular visits from the Norfolk library and Happy smiles have visited to teach the children about dental hygiene.

We have had a couple of visits up to Gillingham primary school this year, which has been lovely and something we look to increasing where we can.

I would like to say a thank you to the village hall committee. The change in the committee has been welcome and made life for Gillingham Early Years a lot less stressful. All hall users and committee work in harmony, making it a much nicer space to be in.

Many thanks

Tonia Luckham