



INTRODUCING PARENTZONE

HYTHE BAY
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We are writing to you to introduce you to ParentZone, which is a new system we are adopting at Hythe Bay Children's Centre Nursery.

ParentZone is a smart phone and tablet app which brings you closer to your child's development at nursery. You will be able to see a timeline of your child's day at nursery, with photos, videos and notes on your child's daily activities. We want to make sure we work with parents to enhance your child's development. As well as being able to see what he or she is getting up to while in our care, you can get involved and contribute your own photos and notes from home to show all of the fun things your child gets up to outside of nursery.

ParentZone goes hand in hand with new software called iConnect which we are going to start using. You will start to see our nursery practitioners using tablets in the rooms. This will enable our staff to take learning observations in a fraction of the time it has taken us previously. This means we will have so much more time to play, teach and care for the children instead of spending time on paperwork. Staff will start using this from September and it will go live to parents once it is up and running smoothly.

We will no longer have paper learning journals, however we have decided to keep a paper file for each child to access, which will contain an 'all about me' page and any art work and family photos that they'd like to have here at nursery.

The system is very secure. The connection is made using a secure server holding a 256 bit SSL certificate (typically your internet banking uses 128 bit). You will be the only one outside of the nursery that can view your child's profile and you will access it with a unique and secure log in.

You can download ParentZone from the Google Play Store & the Apple App Store. If you don't have a smart phone, you can log in at www.parentzone.me . We will send you out a secure email to invite you to activate your account and set up a unique ParentZone log in. Please make sure you have provided us with an up to date email address.

If you have any questions or concerns please see Vicki (Manager) or Anne (Administrator).

Many Thanks

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Nursery Manager