

“It’s well known, and supported by much research, that when parents are involved in early years groups, their children do better academically, and enjoy richer experiences and better quality of care. [And] ... becoming more involved in your child’s setting benefits you too.”



The Early Years Alliance



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How do I join?

New members are always welcome! We are a friendly bunch and volunteers can join the committee at any time. If you would like further information about how to get involved, please ask a member of Preschool Staff who will introduce you to a committee member. Alternatively, you can visit the ‘Our Committee’ pages on the preschool website.

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The legal bit.

Without a committee the preschool will close. The committee are legally responsible for the running of the preschool. To safeguard the children, you will also require to be registered with Ofsted and complete a DBS check.



Ofsted: 219988

Registered Charity: 1027888

Would you like to learn new skills? Would you like to meet new people? Have you ever wanted to understand more about Preschool? Have you ever wanted to help with the running of the preschool?

If you answer "yes" to any of these questions, then the Preschool Committee needs you!



Did you know?

The Addington's Preschool is a registered charity which is led by a committee of parent volunteers. The committee members are the charity trustees and, together with our Manager, are responsible for the overall management of the Preschool.

The day-to-day running is the responsibility of our highly qualified and experienced staff, but a lot of the behind the scenes management is down to the committee.



Who are the committee?

The committee is made up of parents of children who attend or used to attend preschool. Additionally, some parents choose to stay on the committee after children have left the preschool and members of the community with an interest in the preschool can be co-opted on. However, 60% of the committee needs to be current parents.

There are several roles on the committee; Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, Fundraiser, are our core roles but additional roles such as

Marketing Officer and Social Media Officer can be more flexible. As well as other members who make up the team

What does the committee do?

The committee works together similar to a school PTA or board of governors. A lot of the work the committee does is fun – building new partnerships with parents and professionals, coming up with new fundraising ideas, getting exciting plans off the ground, but there are some regular jobs too.

The committee is responsible for: employment of staff, managing the daily accounts, working with staff, to ensure health and safety and first aid procedures are followed. Plus, we have an amazing fundraising team that work alongside the Committee to organise events, including cake sales, the annual Quiz Night and the Christmas Raffle.



What about committee meetings?
The committee meets approximately once every half term. We discuss the situation since the last meeting and plan for the future. We meet in the evening, usually at a member's house but our meetings are always social occasions!

Should I join?

Being on the committee allows you to get more involved with the way your child's preschool is run. Some roles are time-consuming, such as the chairperson, but being a regular committee member allows you to be involved as much or as little as you wish. Some of our committee are fulltime parents, others are full-time employed, yes, we have dads too! No specific skills or experience are needed, just enthusiasm.