

WOODCOTE PRE-SCHOOL CHARITY



About us

Woodcote Pre-School is a member-owned, not-for-profit charity – But what does that really mean? The Pre-School, that has been operating for over 55 years in the village, doesn't make and doesn't intend to make any profit. It is a charity (registered number 1180857), and like most small pre-schools provides an essential service to the community.

The Charity

The charity is called Woodcote Pre-School Group CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation). The charity's owners are its members, and it is *managed* by the trustees. The operation of the Pre-School is managed by its staff.

Charity Owner Members

The members are the parents / carers of any child registered in the setting. So, by sending your child to Woodcote Pre-School you are an *owner*. Don't worry you are not liable for anything (other than your time) as we are a CIO. We also accept other members such as parents of former children and members of the community.

Trustees

The trustees are appointed from the members. We must have at least 3 trustees to operate, two thirds of which must be parent/carer members (if we have less, then Pre-School must close). Members can only serve as trustees for 2 to 5 years, after which they must stand down and be replaced.

The trustees manage the Pre-School charity, between them they need to:

- Chair the AGM and other trustee meetings
- Be the secretary for the AGM and other trustee meetings
- Undertake the role of Treasurer, having oversight of the charity's finances and forecasting
- Co-ordinate fundraising
- Safeguarding

The more people we have willing to act as trustees the less work there is for everyone. We would hate to have to close the Pre-School due to lack of support from the members.

Unfortunately, the funding provided by the government for childcare doesn't cover the costs of operating Pre-School, so we have to fundraise. The trustees organise and run stalls at the following events each year:

- Christmas Raffle
- Quiz night
- Whitchurch Hill Fete
- Woodcote Village Fete
- Woodcote Primary School Christmas Fayre
- Woodcote Rally
- Community Coffee Shops

What does this all mean for you as a parent / carer?

As a *member* you are an owner of the Pre-School, and your help is needed to run the charity that you own. It is expected that as a member you either support one of the events listed above or you serve as a trustee for a minimum of two years.