

GOVERNING COUNCIL

The Governing Council is elected each year from the parent body and new members are always welcome.

It is responsible for the wise and equitable management of the Kindergarten, including the development and funding of the annual budget and the maintenance of the centre. The running costs of the Centre, excluding staff salaries and some grants, are met by the Kindergarten community and managed by your council. The council, on your behalf, pays for power, water, paints, books, toys, the building repairs and improvements, grounds and maintenance.

We depend on the involvement of parents for our smooth operation and high quality programs. You are always welcome to attend meetings and we hope that you will become involved.

Meetings have a formal agenda but we also share a glass of wine or coffee. We encourage companionship, respect and fun. It is a good way to meet people and learn a little more about what happens at the Kindergarten.

Meetings are held on two evenings per term at the Kindergarten to discuss matters related to the operation of the Centre.

You have the choice to participate and be actively involved in:

- Management and administration of the Kindergarten, and contributing ideas regarding the service provided to our community
- Financial management and fundraising.
- Planning for facilities and resources, and the maintenance and improvement of building, grounds and equipment
- Curriculum and policy development
- Development of site plans and improvement documents
- Involvement in planning for special events and celebrations
- Networking with other parents

Through local management this Kindergarten community can fulfil a shared responsibility for the delivery of high quality learning for EVERY child.

***PLEASE SPEAK TO STAFF IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING THE COUNCIL.
WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU...***

The Kindergarten fees go some way towards meeting the cost of running the centre and the Department for Education (DfE) subsidises the centre but there is always an approximate deficit. This means that the council MUST develop a fund-raising program to cover the shortfall.

The Council develops fund-raising activities that seek money outside the local kindergarten community, that are fun and useful for families and friends. Please make it your business to support, wherever possible, the efforts of your council. If you have any fundraising ideas, please inform the staff or the council.