



APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP



ABOUT GORDON PARK ELC

Gordon Park Early Learning and Childcare started life as Gordon Park Playgroup, which then went on to include 2s groups, and was established in 1986 within the Gordon Park Cricket Pavilion where we are still situated.

As time has gone by, the facilities have considerably improved, with a major upgrade of the building taking place a few years ago.

The group was started by a couple of local mums from the Meiklemill housing estate who identified that there was not a facility close by for their young children to attend.

At the time of conception, it was very much a room with a few toys but they wanted a local setting with a 'learn through play' ethos and found other like-minded parents to help as volunteers and so, with fundraising and donations, they went on to purchase a wider range of suitable toys and equipment and it has gone forth to become the well-respected setting that it is today.

We operate as a self-supporting setting with charity status and we work in partnership with Aberdeenshire Council offering funded places for eligible children from age 2-5 as well as non-funded places in our 2s group.

ABOUT OUR STRUCTURE

We have a Management Committee and Fundraising Team which is made up of parent/carer volunteers – the roles within the committee are the traditional Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer. The Management Committee works closely with the Manager, Practitioners and Administration Staff.

We support and encourage a variety of parental involvement opportunities such as Stay and Play, Family Learning Events, Fundraising, Social Events, Consultations and Surveys and we encourage your support and input with all of these. It is very important to us to have our parents and families involved as it allows you the opportunity to be involved in, and have a say in, your child's education but also allows new friendships and relationships to develop as well as an awareness of our wider community and this is all very much at the heart of what we do.

The Management Committee is responsible for:

- planning the strategic direction of the organisation
- receiving and approving operational plans
- initiating and/or authorising organisational policies
- approving and monitoring finances and budgets
- determining guidelines and decisions for new projects.

ABOUT MEMBERSHIP

By becoming a member of Gordon Park ELC, you are formally expressing support for the organisation and our work.

Membership does not imply that you have to play an active part within the organisation, but we'd encourage you to do so if you can. However, there are a range of ways in which you can be active, with varying levels of commitment, should you wish. You could become a volunteer in various roles, become a regular giver or help with fundraising. Members may also be elected to our Management Committee.

As a member, you will:

- receive regular updates on the work of Gordon Park ELC
- be invited to our Annual General Meetings, to hear about the work of the organisation over the last year
- play a key role in our governance and in line with our constitution; you will be able to vote on matters put forward for approval at our annual general meetings.

Our members have no financial liability for the charity.

Our members also agree that they will apply their best endeavours to supporting the work of the charity. This means agreeing that you won't do anything to bring the charity into disrepute.

BECOMING A MEMBER

So you've decided that you want to become a member? Great!

All you need to do is complete this Application Form on Page 3 and return it to: membership@gpelc.org. In line with our constitution, your application will be presented to our Management Committee for review at our next scheduled meeting.

In the meantime, we thank you for the interest that you have shown in supporting the work of Gordon Park ELC

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

YOUR NAME:

YOUR ADDRESS:

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YOUR POSTCODE:

PHONE NUMBER:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

Please indicate if there are any other ways in which you would like to be involved e.g. fundraising, volunteering, regular giving.

It's important that we are able to keep in touch with members in order to keep them informed about the work of the organisation. Please indicate how you wish us to keep in touch with you:

- It's fine to send me regular emails with updates on the work of the organisation
- Please only email me with statutory notifications (invites to AGM's etc)

YOUR DECLARATION

I wish to become a member of Gordon Park ELC and agree that I will abide by the charity's constitution. I consent to being contacted in line with my preferences stated above and my details being held in computerised systems for the purposes of administering my membership ("legitimate interest" and "legal requirement") in accordance with the provisions of the Data Protection Act (2018) (as amended).

YOUR SIGNATURE:

DATE:

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE APPROVAL

Approved on behalf of the Management Committee of Gordon Park ELC

MC NAME:

MC SIGNATURE:

DATE OF MC MEETING:



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