



## Pewsham Preschool

All you need to know about  
becoming a  
Preschool Committee Member

## Who are we?

Pewsham Preschool is the oldest preschool in Chippenham. It began its days in May 1963 as St Andrew's Playgroup and was run from the Parish Hall, opening with just 8 children in attendance.

The Preschool today is one that we continue to be incredibly proud of.

Our latest Ofsted Report in May 2012 stated that:

*'The pre-school provides an inclusive learning environment, providing well for the needs of its children. The positive relationships established with parents and carers is a key strength. The children are happy, well behaved and make good progress, due to the good adult support.'*

Pewsham preschool is a non-profit making charity that is run jointly by the preschool supervisors and parent committee, keeping us at the heart of the local community.

*"I chose to join the committee firstly to find out more about how the preschool was run. I have learned so much and gained some experience and certificates in running a successful business. I can see why both my children loved attending the preschool"*

*(Sarah Spencer - Committee Member 2010-2014)*

## What does the committee do?

We meet with the supervisors at the Preschool once a month to discuss fund raising and any business issues that need our attention. It is a really relaxed meeting usually lasting no more than a couple of hours.

We all get as involved as we can with fundraising and helping at events.

We also have social events throughout the year including the Christmas meal with the staff, which usually results in dancing of some sort! It is a lovely way to make new friends and be a part of something really special.

## What does it mean legally?

It is a legal requirement for the preschool to have a management committee - without one we would be forced to close!

As a committee member you would be voted on by the current committee, a DBS check would be undertaken and you would become a director of Pewsham Preschool Ltd and registered as such with Companies House.

Although we are a charity we are also registered as a limited company which protects us as committee members from financial liability which is limited to just £1.

## Can I help without being on the Committee?

Of course! We welcome parent helpers who we encourage to help at events such as the September Fair when it's all hands on decks!

We are always looking for new committee members so anyone interested would be welcome to contact the preschool.

**If you'd like to join us, please speak to Janet or Barbara for more information and who would be happy to introduce you to an existing committee member.**

*"Being part of Pewsham Preschool committee is a pleasure and an honour. We work well as a team and love to welcome new members. We aim to support the preschool staff to provide the best possible setting for the children who attend.*

*Part of that is fundraising - I get a real kick out of seeing the children play with new toys and equipment that we have worked together to buy. On top of that, it's a great way to socialize and meet new friends!"*  
(Verity John - Committee Chair 2011-2014)