

PARENT INVOLVEMENT AT WIMBLE STREET

Wimble Street is a small, non profit parent Co-operative and accordingly requires the active involvement and interest of its members. All Co-operative member families must have at least one parent join a sub-committee, and provide assistance to the directors and the Centre Co-ordinator in the running of the Centre.

The various sub-committees deal with staffing matters, finance and administrative duties, maintenance of the centres buildings and play areas, fundraising and social activities.

Parents are expected to attend general meetings held at the centre 3 times throughout the year. Key committee positions are filled each year, with each appointment nominally required for 2 years. These positions are:

- Chairperson
- Secretary
- Finance Director
- Maintenance Director
- Staffing Director
- Social and Fundraising Director
- Communications

WIMBLE STREET PLACEMENTS POLICY

Wimble Street is a long day care centre, which has successfully been accredited by the National Accreditation Council.

(Any questions related to accreditation should be directed to the Centre Coordinator).

It is a small centre offering only 30 positions.

The hours of operation are from 8.00 am to 5.45 pm with penalties imposed if there is a late pick up of a child which a standard procedure in many centres. Many of the children in care at Wimble Street attend from 6 months through to school age, so a turnover of positions is not high.

GENERAL INTAKE AT THE START OF THE YEAR

There is a general intake at the commencement of every year in addition to the casual vacancies which are filled during the year if they arise. It is imperative to point out and emphasise that if a placement is offered for the start of the year, fees are charged from the date that the centre reopens in the first week of January (exceptional circumstances need to be approved by the Centre Coordinator). Therefore if a parent is wishing their child be placed on the waiting list for entry commencing in February then they must understand that the Centre will be charging from the reopening January date to secure the placement for the child.

ORIENTATION

We invite parents considering Wimble Street to visit the Centre with your child. If you wish to see the Centre please call the Coordinator to arrange a convenient time.

Once you have accepted an offer of placement and have confirmed a start date from the Centre Coordinator, we invite parents to stay with their child in the first days. The educator in your child's room will be able to guide new families during an appropriate 'settling in' period designed to suit your child. The centre also provides an orientation guideline to all new families.

FURTHER ASSISTANCE

- Parents are asked to provide one piece of fruit per child attending the Centre on a daily basis so it can be enjoyed for morning and afternoon tea with the other children.
- At least once a year each family will be asked to assist the Centre in keeping the front and back yards tidy by volunteering to sweep the outside areas. This task may take an hour and would ensure that the play area would be relatively clean of leaves and sand ready for the children to play. A key may be obtained from the kitchen staff prior to the time in order to allow access if a family will be completing yard duty on the weekend.