

2026 AGM (Annual General Meeting)

Chairs Report

Thank you all for taking the time to come this evening. I am the current Chair and Health & Safety Lead of the Chestnut Playgroup committee. There are six of us currently on the committee, each of who are invaluable in their contribution, ideas and support of staff, the preschool itself and me. Especially over this year upon taking on the Chair role.

We are privileged to have a wonderful team of staff at Chestnuts who are Sam, our Manager, Sarah our Acting Deputy Manager, 3 permanent Early Years Practitioners, 5 Bank Members and Philippa our amazing Administrator. We are so blessed with the staff we have and their continued commitment to the playgroup. As ever, the committee would like to thank you all for your hard work. Without such a wonderful and dedicated team, the playgroup wouldn't be the warm and welcoming place we all know and love it to be. Sadly we did say goodbye to Mai from our Bank Team and just before the end of the academic year, Kirsty our Deputy Manager who left after nearly 7 years with us to work in a school.

The committee itself is made up by a group of parents or former parents of children that attend Chestnuts. It's an essential part of the playgroup, and without a committee the playgroup wouldn't be able to operate in its current form. It can be hard work at times, but also very rewarding. We are hoping more parents will be able to join us on the committee this coming year. The more of us there are, the more ideas will be shared, and the load will be lighter for everyone involved. We are always keen for general members to help or to take on smaller roles within the committee. If you have any questions about the committee or particular roles, please do let me know.

Whilst there has been some changes and hard work this year, and there certainly will be more in the year to come, watching the children thrive under the care of the incredible team makes being part of the committee so worthwhile.