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# The Constitution of Students’ Union UCL

# STUDENT PARENTS AND CARERS SOCIETY

### Name

#### The name of the society shall be Students’ Union UCL Student Parents and Carers Society.

#### The society shall be affiliated to Students’ Union UCL.

### Statement of Intent

#### The constitution, regulations, management and conduct of the club/society shall abide by all Students’ Union UCL policy, and shall be bound by the [Students’ Union UCL Memorandum & Articles of Association](http://studentsunionucl.org/governing-documents), [Byelaws](http://studentsunionucl.org/governing-documents), [Club and Society Regulations](http://studentsunionucl.org/content/president-and-treasurer-hub/rules-and-regulations) and the club and society procedures and guidance – laid out in the ‘[how to guides](https://studentsunionucl.org/how-to-guides)’.

#### The society stresses that it abides by Students’ Union UCL Equal Opportunities Policies, and that society regulations pertaining to membership of the society or election to the society shall not contravene this policy.

#### The Club and Society Regulations can be found on the following webpage: <http://studentsunionucl.org/content/president-and-treasurer-hub/rules-and-regulations>.

### The Society Committee

#### President

#### The president’s primary role is laid out in section 5.7 of the Club and Society Regulations. The elected officer for students with caring responsibilities shall act as the President of the Society for the corresponding year.

#### Treasurer

#### The treasurer’s primary role is laid out in section 5.8 of the Club and Society Regulations.

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#### Welfare Officer

#### The welfare officer’s primary role is laid out in section 5.9 of the Club and Society Regulations.

#### Additional Committee Members

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#### Activities Officer

The Activities Officer shall hold office for the same duration as the other officers. He/She shall take the lead role in organizing regular and special activities throughout the year, with the assistance from the other officers, and actively publicizing the events.

#### Management of the society shall be vested in the society committee which will endeavour to meet regularly during term time (excluding UCL reading weeks) to organise and evaluate society activities.

#### The committee members shall perform the roles as described in section 5 of the Students’ Union UCL Club and Society Regulations.

#### Committee members are elected to represent the interests and well-being of society members and are accountable to their members. If society members are not satisfied by the performance of their representative officers, they may call for a motion of no-confidence in line with the Students’ Union UCL Club and Society Regulations.

### Terms, Aims and Objectives

#### The society shall hold the following as its aims and objectives:

* To form a welcoming, inclusive and supportive community of student parents and carers.
* To represent the needs of student parents and carers in academic, social and other matters, and to work on ensuring that UCL wide policies are inclusive of the needs of student parents and carers.
* To support student parents and carers with issues pertinent to their circumstances, such as providing them with information around financial and childcare support.
* To organize social, informative, educational and entertaining events for the community of student parents and carers at UCL.
* To support the campaign for improved childcare facilities at UCL.

#### The society shall strive to fulfil these aims and objectives in the course of the academic year as its commitment to its membership.

#### The core activities of the society shall be:

* Regular parent and carer friendly (e.g., inclusive of children) gatherings, online and/or in person (depending on any local restrictions eg COVID-19 laws).
* Information sessions around the needs of parents and carers, e.g. student finances for parents and carers, childcare and school applications, child development etc.
* Working with SU UCL, including the Postgraduate Officer, Education Officer and Women’s Officer to ensure that policies are inclusive of the needs of student parents and carers.
* Child-friendly celebrations of festivals including Christmas.
* Annual family friendly fitness events (e.g. with Project Active), walks, picnics, visits to places of interest.

#### In addition, the club/society shall also strive to organise other activities for its members where possible:

* Child-friendly celebrations of other festivals encouraging cross-cultural experience of the members.
* Exchange sale events of childcare items, clothes, toys etc.

#### This constitution shall be binding on the society officers, and shall only be altered by consent of two-thirds majority of the full members present at a society general meeting. The Activities Zone shall approve any such alterations.

#### This constitution has been approved and accepted as the Constitution for the Students’ Union UCL Student Parents and Carers Society. By signing this document the president and treasurer have declared that they have read and abide by the Students’ Union UCL Club and Society Regulations.

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| Date: | 30/11/2021 |
| Treasurer name: | Sharon Vince |
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| Date: | 15th November 2021 |