



# Giffnock

# Primary

## LEGO Group

**Article 15:** You have the right to be with friends and join or set up clubs unless this breaks the rights of others

**Article 29:** you have the right to education which develops your personality, respect for others and the environment.



## LEGO Groups: an overview

LEGO is a highly structured, predictable and systematic construction toy. The sense of completion when building a model is inherently rewarding and is motivating for children. The word LEGO actually means 'play well'.

LEGO groups were developed by Daniel LeGoff, a psychologist in the USA, who found that children engaged socially when linked by their common interest in LEGO. Key social skills were developed through specific joint and interactive roles and taking turns. Le Goff used LEGO groups with children who found it difficult, or became anxious, in activities requiring social communication and engagement.



In Giffnock Primary LEGO groups have been run successfully during previous sessions, as a lunchtime club. The members are invited to join and initially come for a taster session to find out more about how the group operates and to see the LEGO kits which we have available. Each group is composed of 3 pupils of a similar age, supported by an adult facilitator: the adult supports the group but does not join in or solve problems.

## How a LEGO group runs

- ✚ There are three roles which the children take on each meeting: engineer, supplier and builder.
- ✚ The **engineer** follows the instructions and describes the bricks needed to the supplier (using colour, shape and size) and how to put them together to the builder.
- ✚ The **supplier** listens to the description from the engineer and finds then gives the bricks to the builder.
- ✚ The **builder** has to listen to the engineer and the supplier and has to build the model with the bricks given.
- ✚ Pupils take it in turns to fulfil the roles so that in each meeting of the group they will be engineer, supplier and builder.
- ✚ The adult supports the group to focus on positive communication and interaction and to solve any problems within the group of three.
- ✚ Each meeting finishes with free-building time.



## Further information

Giffnock Primary's lunchtime LEGO groups run by invitation only. Provision is made for the children to go to the first lunch sitting so that the club can run from approximately 12.45-1.20pm.

Previous members of the group have been very positive in their comments:

## Should you wish to discuss LEGO groups further please contact:

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I really liked going to LEGO group every week. We built great models and I think I got better at working with others because I practised in LEGO group every week.

I liked having a lunchtime club because sometimes I find the playground hard. LEGO group is great fun and I made new friends.

