



**Discoverers Club Application – Option Two**

We welcome applications for membership of the Discoverers' Club. Discoverers' Club is for the enjoyment and extension of a child's gifts and talents with other like minds. For this reason, membership is not automatic and written confirmation that at least one child in the family is in the top five percent in intellectual ability, needs to accompany this application. A committee member is available to guide you. The committee will consider your application and inform you accordingly. Acceptance will be confirmed with you. Once accepted, a child's siblings automatically become members. If not accepted, your application will be returned to you.

Membership is open to any child who meets some of the following criteria to the satisfaction of the Management Committee.

- 1. Proof of formal, academic testing showing that the child is achieving in or is able to achieve in the top 5%.
- 2. Detailed information about the child's learning background and social development indicating ability in the gifted category.
- 3. Evidence that the child is achieving significantly ahead of their chronological age.
- 4. The application form is to be signed by the Principal / Head teacher of the child's school / pre-school. It may also be supported by a person knowledgeable in the field of gifted eg. teacher in charge of gifted. (If these are not possible, please submit with reasons eg. home schooling.)

Please submit a portfolio giving evidence of the stated criteria. This could include some of the following:

- 1. Reports, certificates, test results eg. reading age, results of standardised tests, external test results, evidence of specific talents.
- 2. A letter from the school, pre-school, expert in the field of gifted, home-school parent etc. giving specific detail about the child's learning background and social development indicating ability in the gifted category. This may be supplemented by the parent.
- 3. Examples of the child's own independent work eg. pieces of writing, poetry, maths, art etc.

Special Note: Where it is felt that a child is significantly under achieving but is believed to be gifted, applications are encouraged, with detailed, supporting information. Children from different cultural backgrounds, where performance is affected by language limitations, are also encouraged to apply.

**Endorsement One**

Name: ..... Position: .....

School: .....

I endorse that ..... is in the top five percent intellectually and meets the criteria for membership of the Canterbury Association of Gifted Children and Youth.

Signature: ..... Date: .....

**Endorsement Two**

Name: ..... Position: .....

School: .....

I endorse that ..... is in the top five percent intellectually and meets the criteria for membership of the Canterbury Association of Gifted Children and Youth.

Signature: ..... Date: .....

Parent / Caregiver: I confirm that the information I am giving is true and accurate.

Signature: ..... Date: .....