

St James the Great School RC  
(VA) Primary and Nursery School



**Policy for School Council**  
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### **SCHOOL COUNCIL POLICY**

#### **What is the School Council?**

The School Council is a group of pupils from St James the Great School. There are two elected representatives, one boy and one girl, from each class in Key Stage Two. In the autumn term, representatives from both Year Two classes are co-opted onto the Council; these are 'buddied' by Year 6 councillors who are responsible for their induction. There is additionally a member elected by the previous year's council who is retained to ensure continuity and progression.

The School Council meets weekly to discuss ways to improve the school, to note achievements and to raise issues that are of concern to the pupils. The meetings are intended to be positive and productive; a pro-active, 'no moans' approach is promoted.

#### **Who attends?**

The elected representatives are expected to attend all meetings accompanied by the Key Stage Coordinator who is their link teacher. Other members of staff and the school community attend by invitation.

#### **Who runs it?**

Two senior members of the School Council have responsibility for the running of meetings, with the assistance of the link teacher. They liaise with representatives to generate an agenda and they chair the meetings. It is their responsibility to communicate key issues for action to the Headteacher and to make arrangements where visitors are invited to attend meetings.

#### **How are issues raised?**

Children inform their class representatives of issues they want raised at meetings. The class representatives note the points and then bring them to the meeting to be discussed with all the members. Approaches are suggested and a plan of action generated. It is the responsibility of councillors to keep fellow pupils informed, communicating the outcomes of meetings to their classes and teachers.

#### **Inclusion**

The School Council is a voice for the children in the school. It is a way for the pupils to have a say in how the school is being run and to communicate changes they would like to make. It helps the pupils to develop a greater understanding of citizenship and facilitates their "... *transition to responsible adulthood*." (St James the Great Mission Statement) The curriculum at St James the Great is broad and balanced catering for the needs of children at all stages on the ability spectrum.

