

# **St. James the Great School RC Primary and Nursery School**



## **School Council Policy**

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

The School Council is a representative 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 and Year 2.

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

The School Council is about:

- Learning to work together
- Learning about democracy and promoting British Values
- Learning about how to play a positive role in our community

The School Council's job is to involve everyone, not do everything. It needs to get everyone:

- Finding things they want to change
- Coming up with ways to make them better
- Putting those ideas into action
- Seeing what work (evaluating)

The School Council plays a central role in meeting key visitors to the school and in the development of the School Development Plan and School Policies.

### **How does the School Council work?**

The School Council meets fortnightly. At the start of the year, the School Council elect a Chair and a Secretary who will put together meeting agendas and circulate minutes with the support of the School Council Coordinator.

Meetings are led by the elected Chair with the support of the School Council Coordinator.

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

Children inform their School Council representatives of issues they want raised at meetings. The School Council representatives will note the points and then bring them to the meeting to be discussed with all members.

The School Council will try to resolve issues/make ideas happen by getting:

- Permission
- Support
- Money
- Time

It is the responsibility of School Council representatives to keep fellow pupils informed, communicating the outcomes of meetings to their classes and teachers. If the issue cannot be resolved then they will explain why.

The School Council maintain a central display board with information about the current projects it is working on.

### **The role of staff**

Teachers will ensure that there is an opportunity for School Council representatives to gather the views of their peers and also to feedback from meetings.

Staff will support School Council meetings if invited to attend and support any initiatives as appropriate.

Staff will answer any School Council questions directed to them within a fortnight.

### **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).

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