

# **Saint John Fisher Catholic Primary School**



## **School Council Policy**

**“To live, love and learn and learn in our caring community.”**

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The school council is set up each year to allow all students to contribute towards the continuous improvement of the whole school community.

**Aims**

- To involve all pupils fully in the decision-making process in school.
- To model the operation of consultation, democracy and making a positive contribution for the benefit of all.
- To link school policy and practice with pupils' views.

**Roles of the School Council**

The school council consult with the SLT and pupils as well as performing other regular and changing duties and responsibilities.

- Work with the SLT and class teachers to give opinions, consistent with school rules, on policies relating to the curriculum and learning environment and out of school learning and school amenities.
- Develop creative ways to include parents and carers in school life.
- Develop ways to involve the wider community in school life.
- Provide a voice for all pupils in school.

**Implementation**

- The school council will be selected from year 6 children and will be selected through the process of a whole school vote. Each year group will have a council representative, giving all pupils the opportunity to raise issues relating to school life. The school council will then meet up at regular intervals with their link teacher.
- The initial meeting each year will focus on the achievements of the previous year and any major issues for the school council to consider in the upcoming year. The agenda for each meeting will then be determined by the pupils themselves through their representatives, the school councillors and senior leadership team (SLT).

- The school council information board will display details of the council and all meeting agendas and minutes will be available. Dates of meetings will be displayed for pupils so they can bring issues to the attention of the council. The council will keep a diary of all council activities.
- Before meetings councillors will spend time with the year group they represent, during playtimes. Feedback will be provided through the school council information board and staff, through assemblies, circle time and class discussion.
- The school council will also be provided with opportunities throughout the year to debate new initiatives relating to whole school policy and practice with their link teacher and the SLT.
- The school council link teacher will feed back key issues to the SLT and will organise any meetings with the council and the SLT.

### **Monitoring**

The responsibility of the school council is the Principal's, supported by the school council link teacher. It is the link teacher's responsibility to meet with the council regularly, support them in their role and help them carry out their responsibilities. It is the responsibility to of the link teacher to feedback information regarding the council to the Principal. Reports will be made to governors as and when appropriate by the Principal.