



## School Council Information

Our School Council meets every other week to discuss ideas, questions and topics raised in classes and posed by staff, these might be taken back to discuss further in classes. The School Council supports and suggests ways in which we can make improvements in and around the school community. It is also an opportunity for the children to share news and learning that has been enjoyed or could be better.

### Why do we have a School Council?

- To provide our young children with a meaningful way in which they can voice their opinions and be part of some decisions to help improve the school community
- To provide leadership for the children of the school community
- To provide opportunities to help our children problem solve, suggest ideas that will impact all the children across the school community
- To increase participation with our young children, teaching them about democracy, local and global citizenship and accountability

### Election of School Council Class Representatives

This is done as part of a class discussion and sharing some key information about what a School Council and what the role of a School Councillor is.

A School Councillor Representative needs to be a **positive role model** to others and **uphold our School Values at all times**. Each School Councillor needs to be:

- ✓ Polite and courteous at all times
- ✓ Sensible
- ✓ A good listener
- ✓ Reliable
- ✓ Able to work with others
- ✓ Respectful
- ✓ Able to take it in turns

One member is elected from each Year 1 and 2 class after being voted in by their peers.

### The School Councillor's job is to:

- ✓ Go to all school council meetings
- ✓ Tell other members of the school council what their class has been saying
- ✓ Bring their class book with feedback to each meeting to share
- ✓ Take part in school council discussions
- ✓ Report back to their own class what the school council has said using the minutes shared with the staff. This may include any questions or key topics that need to be discussed further