

School Council at St Leonards Primary School

How School Council members are selected

Each year the School Council members are selected by an in-class vote.

Each class member votes for two children who they would like to represent their class as part of the School Council.

In key stage 2, the children who wish to be put forward have the opportunity to make a small presentation to their peers before the children vote.

The selected children from each class are then presented with a School Council badge in assembly for the whole school to see who they are.

How School Council works

Once the members of the School Council have been elected, we have an initial meeting outlining the roles and responsibilities of the School Council. We take photographs of the council members for the upcoming year, which are displayed on our school website.

Following the initial meeting we set a date for the next meeting (at least once a month). At these meetings children bring with them ideas or concerns of their own, or those of their classmates, which we discuss and see how we could resolve. For example, the need for a football rota at play times and having ketchup at lunch times.

We also discuss up and coming events and fundraisers which are happening in school, and plan how and when they are going to be run, as well as planning and preparing ideas for our School Council assemblies.

Roles and Responsibilities

School Council members have a key role in school life, they are identified by their peers and become role models and a person they can talk to about school life and any changes they would like to see happening in school. Therefore, it is important for our members to be responsible, friendly and approachable by their peers.

After feeding back ideas from their peers, School Council are given the opportunity to discuss how we can make changes or resolve any problems that may have been brought forward. In each meeting minutes are taken and actions for each point are noted and followed up in the next meeting.

School Council members are also responsible for organising any charity and fundraising work that happens in school for example, our recently successful McMillan Coffee Morning, and up and coming events like Children In Need.

The also have a role to play in looking after our school and are always quite keen to ensure specific areas in school are tidy and the school environment is being looked after.

School Council members also play an active role in promoting, and embedding, our Christian values. They organise and take part in a whole school assembly every 4 weeks, in which they present and share their ideas about each value.

This year some key stage 2 Council members will be focusing on Anti Bullying and will become an anti-bullying team, aiming to look out for and tackle any forms of bullying they may see in and around school.

As part of our community cohesion curriculum, we also like to make links with other people within the community, for example last years' School Council members spent time at Innage Grange Nursing home, visiting and reading to the residents, as well as serving Fairtrade teas and cakes during Fairtrade fortnight. This is something we will hopefully be doing again this year.

Our overall aim for the School Council at St Leonard's CE Primary School is that the children support the ethos and vision of the whole school and have a voice in how they would like their school to be.