

Whiteheath Junior School Council

Why do we have a School Council?

Having a School Council:

- involves the whole school, which is beneficial to the whole community
- involves individuals as it gives everyone in school a voice
- helps our school develop into a caring community where pupils, teachers and parents/carers work in partnership towards shared goals
- provides a basis for active learning of important life skills, such as:
 - speaking and listening skills
 - teamwork
 - problem-solving
 - moral reasoning skills
 - self-esteem and self confidence

What is the role of the School Council?

The role of your School Council is to:

- to allow the children at our Whiteheath Junior School have a voice
- to help the school and community be a better place
- to help to improve learning in the school
- to raise funds for the school

What happens at School Council meetings?

The School Council:

- meets every two weeks
- discusses ideas suggested
- decides on the best ways to change and improve the school
- talks to the people who can help to make it happen

What can you expect the class representative to do?

Your class representative:

- attends council meetings fortnightly
- records ideas in their School Council book to bring to the next meeting for discussion
- ask for your views and opinions
- share news and information about the important things which have been achieved or about decisions made

How can you get involved?

Elections:

- at the start of each year every class will elect one representative who attends meetings and gives feedback
- any class member is entitled to run for the School Council Representative and the voting in each class will be made by a secret ballot.
- children wishing to be considered for the School Council Representative will need to present a speech to their class giving clear reasons and examples of why they are the most suitable candidate for the job
- elections will be run without prejudice or discrimination
- having been a member of pupil council for one year, children will then be unable to represent their class again to allow opportunity to a wider range of people

How should School Council members behave?

The School Council expects members:

- to be respectful and listen to others
- to contribute or participate actively in meetings
- to follow the school rules and be role models to other pupils
- to model good behaviour at all times
- to be polite and courteous to others
- not to refer to specific individuals or groups during discussions