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Growing together, becoming all we are created to be

Wednesday 8th October

Dear Parents,

Yesterday, we talked together in classes about the opportunity of being part of the School Council. As a school we value the thoughts, ideas and opinions of all our children and the School Council is one way of ensuring the voice of the children is heard and has an impact on the development and daily life of the school.

Our School Council is made up of elected pupils to ensure that all children have a voice that is heard relating to school matters. Pupils choose two representatives from their class to take ideas and views forward to a School Council meeting which will be held once every two weeks during the school day (not in break or lunchtime). The representatives will then feed back to the class on a range of issues, leading to change and school improvement.

Meeting agendas are created, with the Councillors, and this is discussed in each class before the official meeting takes place. This way, Councillors can bring the opinions of their peers to the meeting.

Our School Council also listens to any concerns and views of other children. Part of their role is to come up with ideas to help improve our school and make decisions about future changes. Being a Councillor is a very responsible position and the children involved play a very important part in developing our school for the better.

Any child in the school can run for election. They need to complete a School Council Application Form explaining why they feel they are the best person for the role. Within their application, they can include why they want to be a Councillor, why their peers should vote for them and what they promise to do if elected. ***Application letters were given out yesterday (07.10.25) and are readily available from your child's class teacher until Friday 10th October.***

Applications should be submitted to their class teacher by Monday 13th October ready to be presented to their class during that week.

Voting will take place in a democratic way using a secret ballot box and voting papers during the week beginning **Monday 20th October**. Everyone in your child's class will vote for one councillor and one vice councillor. Election results will be announced on **Thursday 23rd October**.

We can't wait to receive your child's entry!

Best wishes,

Mrs S Reilly
School Council Lead

