

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September

Session 1

What is a School Council?

What do you know about our  
School Council?

Why is it important to have  
a School Council?

This year we will be having the election for our School Council

# Lets learn about democracy

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZN0qP0vRqVE>

Our Polling Day will be on  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October where  
you will be able to vote for your  
School Council Representative  
for your constituency (your  
class)

What do you think it means to  
be a representative and to  
represent?

**Class representative - The candidate who receives the most votes is elected to the school council to represent their class.**

Sub committee member - The candidates who do not receive the most amount of votes but still run for election and may receive some votes. These candidates will form sub committees.

The sub committees will be:

Worship Council

Eco Cadets

Play Leaders

There are 2 School Council  
representative positions

1 Worship Council representative  
position

1 Eco Cadet representative  
position

1 Play Leader representative  
position

Do you think you could represent our class/constituency in one of these areas?

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October  
Session 2

What skills do you need to be  
an effective member of the  
School Council?

These are some of the jobs that you might be asked to do if you were a member of the school council.

Think about whether you would:

- find it easy
- give it a go
- not like to try it at all

Talk in front of other pupils

Lead (chair a meeting)

Write a letter from the School Council

Organise an event to raise money for charity

Run an assembly about the  
School Council

Look after the School Council  
notice board

Design a poster about the  
School Council

Talk in front of adults

Ask other pupils what they think about something

Help younger pupils in School Council meetings

How do you feel about these tasks? Are there any you would find easy? What tasks would you need some help with? Are there any you really wouldn't like to do?

Here are some statements about things that a School Council member might be required to do. Think about whether you think any of these tasks are more important than others and why.

1. Listening to other pupils' ideas.
2. Talking in front of other pupils.
3. Talking to a teacher.
4. Turning up to meetings on time.
5. Telling your class about what you talked about in meetings.
6. Sharing your ideas.
7. Working with other pupils.
8. Helping other pupils.

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October

Session 3

What makes a good School  
Council representative?

To be a good School Council representative it is important that you possess a number of skills and attributes

Reliable - You do everything that you promise to. You always go to meetings.

Fair and impartial - You can represent the views and ideas of your class clearly at council meetings, even if you don't agree with them. You think everyone has the right to express a point of view.

Thoughtful - You take time to think about your own feelings and thoughts on certain issues before discussing them.

A good listener - You really listen and take in both sides of a debate (discussion). Everyone feels comfortable talking to you.

A good speaker - You take active and effective part in discussion. You can express a point of view clearly.

Accurate and efficient - You can make notes at meetings and report the ideas and views of the School Council back to your class.

**Organised-** You make sure that meetings happen in your class on a regular basis.

**Assertive-** The opinions of your class are just as important as everyone else's.

**A good communicator - You can work with pupils, staff and other adults from across the school.**

Do you think you possess any of these skills? Give me an example when you have demonstrated one of these skills.

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October

Session 4  
Nominations

Who can remind me a School  
Council representative is?

What skills/ qualities does a School Council representative need to have to do this well?

Today you will have the opportunity to nominate one pupil in our class to represent our class as a member of the School Council.

What do you think the word  
nominate means?

Which of these are good reasons to vote for someone?

1. The most popular person.
2. The strongest.
3. The most confident.
4. The one who talks the most.
5. Very good at discussing and debating.
6. Has lots of good ideas.
7. Gets highest marks in all tests.
8. Listens well and can understand different points of view.
9. Honest.
10. Dresses smartly.

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I will give you a couple of minutes to think about who you want to nominate. Remember to think about the skills/qualities a good representative should possess.

I would now like you all to write down the name of the person you have chose to nominate to run for School Council and place it in the ballot box.

Lets now find out who our female and male candidates are who are running for the School Council election on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October.

The candidates are...

Our candidates have one week to prepare their manifestos. You need to prepare a short speech to present to our class with the promises you make if you were elected.

# Campaign Week

The candidates will have a week to put up posters around the classroom and speak to members of their constituency to try and persuade them to vote for them.

On the morning of the elections next week you will present your manifestos to the class and shortly after the polling station will be opened and you will each be able to vote for your female representative and your male representative.

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Session 5  
Polling Day

We will begin our election day by hearing each of the candidate's manifestos to help you, the voters make your decision about who you would like to vote for.

Good luck candidates!

Now that you have heard all of the candidate's manifestos I will distribute the ballot papers. You should put an X against the name of the girl and boy representative you would like to cast your vote for.

You will enter the polling station to cast your vote.

Voting must be done in secret and you should not share who you have voted for. You will post your ballot paper into the ballot box and then the votes will be counted.

You will find out the results of the election and who your new School Council, Eco Cadet, Worship Council and Play Leader representatives are in a special assembly at the end of the day.