

**3<sup>rd</sup> October**

# **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.

Let's learn about democracy:

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

Our Polling Day will be on  
**Thursday 17th 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 (one boy and one girl).

**Subcommittee 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 subcommittees.



The **sub committees** will be:

Worship Council

Eco Cadets

Play Leaders

- There are 2 School Council representative positions ( one boy and one girl)

These need to be done by people who haven't already been on the school council in previous years.

- 1 Worship Council representative position
- 1 EcoWarrior representative position
- 1 Play Leader representative position





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

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



*These are some things you may need to do as part 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
- Contribute ideas in a meeting
- Talk confidently to teachers and visitors
- Write a letter from the School Council
- Help organise an event
- Run an assembly about the School Council
- 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



*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.



## What makes a good School Council representative?

To be a good School Council representative it is important that you possess 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?

Can you think of an  
example when you have  
demonstrated one of these  
skills.



10th October

## Session 2

## 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 (including yourself) to represent our class as a member of the School Council.

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.





You can nominate yourself or somebody else in our class but you must first check that they are willing to stand for election.

- Make a list of those who are willing to stand for election on whiteboard. Firstly by those who want to nominate themselves raising their hand.
- Now students can nominate anyone who isn't on the list to stand (although check that they want to first)

(Remove those who have been school council members before as far as students can remember. Last year's school council members are on website for reference.)



You now have a list of  
female and male candidates are  
who are running for the School  
Council election on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October

The candidates are...



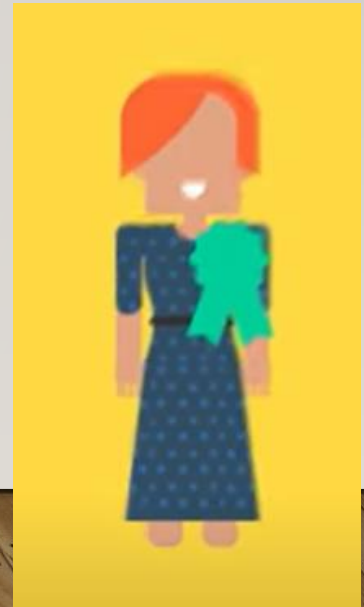
# Next week is: Campaign Week

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.

If you are a candidate, you  
can make a poster to put up  
around the classroom  
encouraging people to vote  
for you.

You can speak to  
members of your constituency  
(the class)  
to try and persuade them to  
vote for you.



On Polling Day (17th October) candidates will present your manifestos to the class.

Shortly after the polling station will be opened and you will each be able to vote for your female representative and your male representative.





18th October

## Session 3

## Polling Day



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



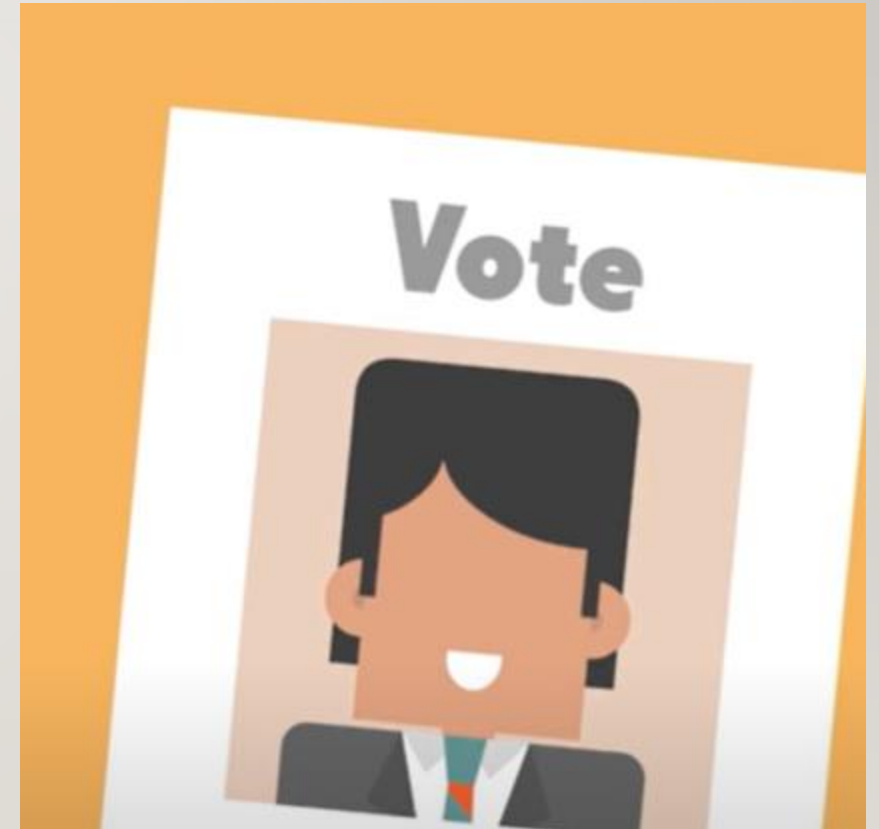
Candidates to present their manifestos to the class.



Now that you have heard all of the candidate's manifestos I will distribute the ballot papers. You should write the name of the boy and girl that you would like to vote for.

Voting must be done in secret and you should not share who you have voted for.

You will fold and pass your ballot paper back to the teacher and then the votes will be counted.



You will find out the results of the election and who  
your new School Council, EcoWarrior,  
Worship Council and Play Leader representatives are  
in assembly on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October**

