



The School Council

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Being on the school council is an important job, but it is also lots of fun!



We hope you enjoy your time on the council.

This leaflet will help you by explaining:

- Why we need School Councils
- Who is on the School Council and when it meets
- What sort of things you will have to do
- Important words you will need to know

Congratulations!

Well done on being elected as the school council member for your class. This leaflet has been put together to help explain your very important job.

Who is on the Council?

There are 2 children, a boy and a girl, from each class (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) on the school council. You will be on the Council for half a year. You will meet with Mrs Butler and Mrs Edge.

Why do we need School Councils?

For many years all the decisions about children were made by adults. But adults don't always make the right decisions, sometimes because they haven't talked to the children about the issue. By being on the School Council you will be able to help the adults in our school make the right decisions for you.

How often do they meet?

This depends on how many decisions there are to be made!! Usually the School Council will meet the first Friday morning of each month at 9 o'clock.

What is the job of a school councillor?

- To go to School Council meetings and take part in discussions.
- To let your class know what was talked about at the meeting.
- To take the ideas and views of your classmates to the School Council.
- To be involved in activities that the School Council runs.



What will I have to do?

- Talk in front of your class.
- Listen to ideas from others.
- Think of good ideas about the school.
- Write letters from the school council.
- Order things from a catalogue.
- Explain what the council is to others.



Important words you may need to remember.

Meetings: This is when the school councillors get together to solve a problem or make a decision. You will work as a team.

Agenda: This is a list of what is going to be talked about at the meeting.

Minutes: These are the written notes that tell you what happened at the meeting.

