



Pytchley Primary School Council.

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What is a school council?

A school council is a formal group of pupils within a school who are elected by their peers to represent them and their views.

Why have a school council?

There are lots of reasons.

Article 12 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) says that children and young people should have a say in decisions that affect their lives. A school council can provide a meaningful way in which pupils can voice their opinions and have their views considered in decisions which impact upon them.

The school council should be supported and nurtured helps to improve many aspects of school life.

It is an important and useful way for schools to provide leadership and development opportunities for their pupils.

Within the school curriculum, one of the key areas making up the 'Learning for Life and Work' theme is active participation. The curriculum requires that young people are provided with opportunities to participate in school and society. School councils are an excellent way in which to increase participation, teaching young people about democracy, local and global citizenship and accountability.

The School Council at Pytchley Primary School.

The school council will be formed with a child nominated from each year group. (Reception to join after Christmas)

The school council will be elected by the other children in their class.

Children should be encouraged to stand for election if they are comfortable:

- Speaking to the class
- Discussing ideas with older/younger children
- Have good listening skills
- Are able to present ideas from other children

The children will meet with a key member of staff at least once a term.

Roles of the school council at Pytchley School.

Attend a 30 min meeting every term, at least 6 times a year.

- Collect ideas and present them to the group and the member of staff

- Plan and support activities for fund raising etc
- Present ideas back to the class
- Speak to the governors about ideas.
- Keep to an agenda and try to keep minutes of the meetings
- Ask questions
- Discuss improvement for the school in relation to the community and also the school grounds which are reasonable.