



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

School Council 2021-2022

At St Mary's we are proud to have pupil representatives that take part in Class and School Council meetings. These councils are in place so that pupils have a voice and are involved in decisions about the school that affect them. Through the Class Council, all pupils have the opportunity to raise issues, share ideas and take part in discussions that involve all of their classmates in reaching a democratic solution. Wider issues that arise at Class Council are discussed further at School Council, this ensures that as many pupil voices as possible are heard. Pupils at St Mary's know that this is their school and their thoughts and ideas matter. Each year, members of the class will deliver a speech to their class and each student will be able to vote for who they want to represent them. The class will hand in their votes and the class teacher will have final say over the two chosen representatives.

School councillors take whole school issues and ideas from their own class councils and feed them into the School Council. They also share ideas and decisions from the School Council with their class. Decisions made within School Council can, and do, have a real impact on the rest of the school.

Members of the School Council:

Each class will have two representatives: The **Chair** and the **Secretary**.

The Chair will lead the meetings in class and hear the ideas and concerns of pupils. The Secretary should record these concerns in the class minutes book. Both representatives will then bring their class's minutes books to official school council meetings every fortnight. In class discussions will take place every month so that the representatives can feedback ideas and discuss with their class.

The Process:

An agenda board will remain visible in the classes each week and students from that class are free to add ideas/concerns to the agenda throughout the week. Once a fortnight, the school council representatives for that class will address the board and ask those who have contributed to explain their point of view. The Chair then invites the rest of the class to discuss the matter and reach some sort of resolution. The Secretary then makes a note of what has been decided in the minutes.

If the resolution can be reached by adjusting something in class or by speaking to a member of the leadership team, then it need not be taken to School Council.

If the resolution is something that the class feels should be shared with School Council to allow wider discussion then a note will be made in the minutes to make this clear.

Class Council members should bring the minute book to School Council and raise any relevant issues for wider discussion and whole school resolution.

Following the School Council Meeting, School Council Members speak to their class to let them know what is going on and tell the class about the issues being discussed and what is happening next. This will encourage more children to contribute to further meetings, share worries and let members know the things which could be done to improve the school. The school will record School Council Achievements on the school newsletter as and when appropriate.

2021-2022 Representatives:

Y3 – Eve



Y3 – Zachary



Y4 – Ethan



Y4 – Chelsea



Y5 – Lexi



Y5 - Arber



Y6 - Janya



Y6 - Nebiyu





School Council Objectives & Remit



- **To act as role models and lead by example for other children in our class and school, ensuring we are well behaved and polite.**
- **To act as role models for St Mary's in our local community.**
- **To ensure we are looking well presented in our uniform and wear our school council with pride.**
- **To act as class representative, bringing forward ideas and opinions on how we can make the St Mary's an even better place.**
- **To bring back information from school council meetings to share with classmates on changes or projects or results from school questionnaires etc.**
- **To show visitors around the school when asked and to be welcoming to others, especially new children joining our school.**
- **To speak up and share your own ideas and thoughts during school council meetings.**
- **To work as a team and present whole school assemblies on different themes such as Recycling or bullying.**
- **To support and lead school projects when needed.**