



Believing and Achieving Together

Signed:

Date: March 2023

Review: March 2025 or sooner if required

School Council

We believe it is our duty to have in place a School Council which has been democratically elected by the pupils and is accepted as an ideal process for pupils to get involved with school issues.

We acknowledge the new legislation passed by the Welsh Assembly Government which has made it compulsory for schools to have in place a council for pupils to give their views on school life.

We share the views of the Welsh education minister (2006) that, "Many young people don't feel that school is an environment where they can have their own views heard." In this school we want to hear the views of our pupils in order to make this school a better place for everyone connected with it.

Aims:

- To establish a process for pupils to communicate their views to all school personnel.
- To provide opportunities for pupils to develop skills in communication, negotiation and confidence.

Procedures:

Regulations

- The School Council complies with DfE regulations.

Structure

- Each year group will be represented by two pupils (reception to Year 4).
- The School Council will comprise of a Chair Person, Vice Chair and a Secretary.

Election Process

- Elections will take place each year at the beginning of the autumn term.

Period of Office

- All council members will serve for an academic year.

Meetings

- Meetings will take place on the first Thursday of each month.
- An annual questionnaire will decide on issues for discussion.

- Members will discuss matters that have been brought to their attention by other pupils.
- Council members will also use comments from the class 'suggestion box.'

Communication

- The School Council will communicate to the rest of the school by:
 - Class representatives meeting regularly with the class.
 - Annual questionnaires.
 - Half termly newsletters.
 - A designated School Council notice board.
 - Posters.
 - The School website.

Teacher with Responsibility

A teacher will be responsible for ensuring the establishment and development of the School Council (the Deputy Headteacher).

We believe the above strategy is effective in establishing a School Council as an integral part of the school.