



PUPIL COUNCIL POLICY

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The Pupil Council is an important part of giving every child 'a voice' within the school community. Under the Every Child Matters agenda, the policy is produced with due regard to the school Mission Statement:

Runnymede St. Edward's School is a Catholic community which reflects the spirit of Edmund Rice and aims to inspire, challenge and support all.

The Pupil Council is selected on an annual basis. A representative from each class is chosen from Year 1 to Year 6. Together with the Head Girl and Head Boy the pupil council meet with the Headteacher once each half term.

The purpose of the meetings varies but the aims are as follows:-

- For children to give representative views of the pupils in their class
- For the Headteacher to listen to children and the issues that interest or concern them
- To work upon projects within the school community and encourage the involvement of all children
- To make sure each representative has 'a voice' within Council Meetings
- To raise issues with staff and parents if appropriate

Pupils on the council will be given an agenda stating the date time and content of the meeting. The meetings will be chaired jointly by the one pupil elected as Chair and the Headteacher.

Brief minutes will be made by one pupil acting as the Secretary to the group.

Refreshments will also be provided.

Staff are asked to assist pupils in reading agendas (if necessary) and in preparing for the meeting occasionally allowing times for class discussions.

Meetings take place during lunchtimes and therefore do not impact on teaching and learning time for any pupils.

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