



SHENFIELD ST. MARY'S SCHOOL COUNCIL CONSTITUTION

Objectives

- To give pupils the opportunity to be involved in improving school life for everyone.
- For pupils to work as partners with staff, developing a caring school community where everyone is kind and helpful to everyone.
- To provide all pupils with opportunities to develop skills that will be important throughout their lives.
- To involve pupils in solving problems and resolving conflicts.
- Each class will elect a girl and a boy to be their representatives.
- The school council will be made up of two representatives from each class from Year 2 to Year 6. In the Summer term, Year 1 pupils can be voted on.
- Extra members can be co-opted if the elected membership does not reflect the school community; for instance, the ethnic groups within the school or pupils with special needs or disabilities.
- The school council will meet around every half term.

Term of office

- Elections for school council will take place in September.
- All school council members will serve for the whole academic year.
- At the start of a new year, the previous year's councillors **may not** stand for election again.

Responsibilities of pupil councillors

- Class representatives will report back to their class after every school council meeting.
- A class council meeting will be held around every four weeks.
- Class representatives will take issues brought up by their class to the school council. They should put across the views of their class, not their own opinions.
- If a representative misses school council meetings three times without good reason, the class can choose to elect a new representative.
- Year 5 and 6 representatives may attend Year 1 and Foundation class meetings to share info and communicate their views.