

Cosheston VC School

School Council Policy

What is our school council for?

- The school council is about:
 - Learning to work together
 - Learning to give all our pupils a voice
 - Learning how to play a positive role in our community
- The school council's job is to involve everyone, not do everything. It needs to get everyone:
 - Finding things they want to change
 - Coming up with ways to make them better
 - Putting those ideas in to action
 - Seeing what works (evaluating)

How does our class council work?

- The whole class has a circle time meeting on a regular basis
- Everyone has a chance to speak about things that are important to them.
- The information is recorded and fed back to the School Council.

How does our School council work?

- We have a full meeting twice a month
- The Chair of the meeting changes each time so that representatives from Year 5 and 6 have the opportunity to chair a meeting.
- A Year 5 or 6 rep takes the role of secretary at each meeting. With support from the staff representative.
- We discuss the matters raised in the circle time meetings. Sometimes we vote on the matters raised as some of the items are not for us to decide or are an on-going issue.

- At the start of each term we decide on a project to work on e.g walking bus/road safety and work on it throughout the term alongside other things.
 - We work through an agenda that we all sign at the end of the meeting to show what we have agreed.
 - The Chair and the Secretary of that meeting arrange a meeting with the Head teacher if they need to discuss any matters raised/decided.
 - We feed back information to the Class circle so they know what has been done/decided, as a result of their concern/idea.
- * The pupils know that the school council will try to make their idea happen by getting:
- Permission
 - Support
 - Money
 - Time
- If they can't they will say why not.
 - If they can, they will want the class to help make the idea happen.

What will staff do for the school council?

- Make sure meetings happen when they are supposed to.
- Support pupils to run meetings.
- The Headteacher will answer all the school council's questions by the next meeting
- If the Headteacher has to say 'no' to anything, she will explain why.

This School Council policy is agreed by

Signed:

It has been agreed by the Head teacher and Governing Body

Head teacher

Signed: _____ Date: 21st October 2014

Pupil Participation Governor:

Signed: _____ Date: 21st October 2014

It will be reviewed annually.