



SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING – MINUTES

Date: 14.09.2026

Chair: Mrs Dow

School Council

- **Year 1:** Arabella, Ella & Toby
- **Year 2:** Daisy, Amber & Kit
- **Year 3:** Imogen, Astrid & William
- **Year 4:** Comfort, Cora & Aaron
- **Year 5:** Tilly, Amabel & Max
- **Year 6:** Frankie & Josh

Total councillors: 17

Current level of organisation: Work in progress.

1. A Slightly Delayed Start

Our second School Council meeting got off to a **slightly later start than planned**.

In fact, "slightly later" may be generous. There was a period of time spent locating various members of the School Council, checking who was supposed to be there and attempting to assemble the **full democratic complement of 17 children**. Eventually, most of us arrived.

We are therefore pleased to report that the School Council *does* exist and *is* functioning.

We are less pleased to report that our timekeeping and organisational skills are currently still under development.

2. Suggestion Boxes and Official Photography

Once everyone had finally assembled, there was some very important business to attend to.

The councillors spent some time looking through the suggestions in their **Suggestion Boxes**.

This was followed by the even more important task of having our photographs taken for the School Council display board.

3. What Does It Mean to Be a School Councillor?

We reminded ourselves that being a School Councillor is a position of responsibility.

We have been elected by our classmates, which means that we are not only representing ourselves and our own opinions.

We are also representing our class.

This can sometimes be difficult.

What happens if your class wants something that you don't agree with?

What happens if the majority votes for something that you really, really don't like?

We discussed the importance of representing other people's views, even when they are different from our own.

Being a good School Councillor means listening carefully, taking people's opinions seriously and remembering that the School Council isn't simply a place to campaign for your own personal wish list.

Although we appreciate that this may be disappointing news to some people.

4. Our School Values and the School Council

We looked at our school values and thought about how they apply to being a School Councillor.

TRUST

Our classmates have trusted us to represent them.

We need to:

- Be honest.
- Do our jobs properly.
- Listen to our classmates.
- Take voting seriously.
- Make sure people can trust us to represent their views.

In other words, if someone asks, "What happened at School Council?", we should actually know.

RESILIENCE

School Council will not always go our way.

Sometimes we might suggest an idea and it won't be chosen.

Sometimes we might vote for something and the vote won't go our way.

We need to show resilience and remember that losing a vote is not the end of the world.

There will be other opportunities to share ideas.

We may also have to practise the difficult skill of saying:

"I don't agree, but I respect the decision."

This may take some work.

PRIDE

We should be proud of our school and proud of being School Councillors.

Being elected means that our classmates believe we can make a positive contribution.

We also need to remember that when we are acting as School Councillors, we are representing our school.

RESPECT

Our classmates showed us respect by voting for us.

We need to return that respect by listening to them and taking their ideas seriously.

This means not dismissing an idea simply because we don't like it.

Everyone deserves to have their voice heard.

Even the person whose idea is "*Can we have no homework ever again?*"

NURTURE

Nurture means looking after each other and looking after our school environment.

As School Councillors, this includes:

- Looking after our school.
- Supporting one another.
- Helping younger School Councillors when they need it.
- Making sure everyone feels welcome and able to contribute.

Our older councillors were reminded that being older comes with certain responsibilities.

5. When Is the Next Meeting?

We looked at where children can find information about upcoming School Council meetings.

Councillors should check the board and make sure they know when the next meeting is.

This should hopefully reduce the need for anyone to send out a search party.

Next Meeting: Monday 12th October at 2:30pm

6. A Very Important Thank You

We finished by thanking each other for the time and effort we are putting into our new roles.

Being a School Councillor is a privilege, and our classmates have trusted us to represent them.

We are still finding our feet.

We are still working on our timekeeping.

Still in need of some Suggestion Boxes.

But we are getting there.

And now that we have successfully assembled all 17 members, had our photographs taken and reminded ourselves what our job actually is...

We are ready to get down to business.

Probably.