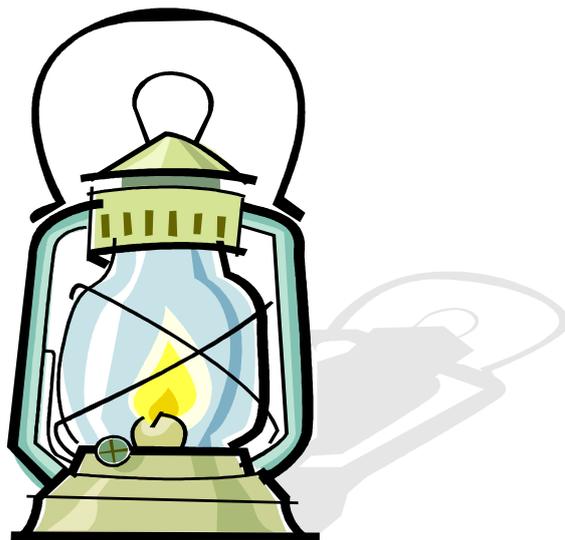




SCHOOL COUNCIL POLICY



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"Shine like a lantern in the presence of the Lord."

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The purpose of School Council

School Council is the pupils' voice in our school. The pupils meet every month and discuss issues raised in class council meetings. Each class has a suggestion box and the classes vote each month on the suggestion to take to Council.

- School Council decide on what fundraising events to hold and where the money should go.
- They decide on the main annual charities.
- Organise and arrange our community project.
- Decide on and keep their own budget.
- They make decisions on themed days, what worked, what did not work and what will be more enjoyable.
- They discuss and decide on school rules, lunch time rules and playground rules.
- They judge competitions.
- They interview new staff.

School Council is led by a chair person, elected by the School Council. The Headteacher takes minutes and publishes a copy to the headteacher/each family via the weekly newsletter.

The Chair leads the meeting and decides on tasks and issues in conjunction with the Lead Teacher for the next meeting.

School Council Elections

When electing school councillors children need to be reminded that they are not voting for friends but for a suitable school councillor. This person will need to be:

- Confident
- Articulate
- Full of ideas
- Able to lead
- Listen
- Kind

All children in each class are asked if they would like to be a school councillor. All children are eligible unless they have previously been a school councillor. Each child is given time to explain to the class why they would be suitable to be the class councillor. Pupils who wish to be considered to become a school councillor have their names put on the board. Each child then votes for their preferred girl and boy candidate on a piece of paper (voting needs to be secret). The teacher then counts the votes and announces to the class the names of the new school councillors.