



ST STEPHEN'S CEVA PRIMARY SCHOOL, BATH

PUPIL VOICE POLICY

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1 RATIONALE

We believe that children need to be partners in their own education and to feel that their opinions will be heard in the wider school community. We believe that this will make a positive contribution to the school environment and ethos. We believe that our school council will enhance and influence positive peer leadership and mutual responsibility throughout the school.

2 AIMS

School Council will

- ✓ Be a positive forum
- ✓ Provide an opportunity for all children to be heard
- ✓ Provide a forum for the leadership of the school to listen to children's knowledge and opinions
- ✓ Aid communication throughout the school
- ✓ Build the children's confidence and self-esteem
- ✓ Encourage the children to be active citizens
- ✓ Provide the children with a democratic model

School Council will also be used to assist the school with its self-evaluation procedures and enable us to be more accountable to the whole school community.

3 SCHOOL COUNCIL IN PRACTICE

Every class elects one School Council Representative. School Council membership will consist of a member of staff, who will generally chair the meeting, the School Council Representatives, and a School Governor Representative.

Every class holds a class council on a fortnightly basis. This is an opportunity for School Council Representatives to discuss the School Council agenda, and to gather feedback.

School Council meetings are held every fortnight. At each meeting, those present and absent are noted. Matters arising from the previous meeting are discussed, followed by business for the meeting in accordance with the agenda. A list of main agenda items is set at the beginning of each term.



At some meetings a guest speaker will be invited. This may be another member of staff, or an outside speaker.

School Council Representatives are active participants in the life of the school.

School Council is represented annually at the Primary Schools Parliament in BaNES.