

School Council Policy

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Rationale

Pupils have a positive contribution to make within the decision-making processes of the school. When pupils are actively involved in these processes, they have an enhanced sense of commitment to the school and its programs. The School Councils within The Staffordshire Schools Multi Academy Trust aim to:

- Provide pupils with a sense of pride and achievement.
- Develop caring and responsible attitudes within the children.
- Provide an avenue for the development of 'student voice' within our schools.
- Raise student awareness of local and global issues and associated support options.

Guidelines

- All pupils in Years 1 - 6 are represented on the School Council of their school.
- The School Council will meet regularly, with supervising staff.
- School Council representatives will be responsible for discussing issues at School Council meetings and will be responsible for reporting to their back to their year group.
- School Council representatives will make recommendations on aspects of school life.
- The representatives will have a clear role description.
- The supervising and class teachers will discuss the responsibilities of the School Council representatives with the pupils involved.
- Public Service will provide opportunities for pupils to be proactive, contributing members of the broader community.

Implementation

- Each year group from 1 to Year 6 will select representatives from each year to participate in School Council meetings each academic year.
- The same student will not be elected as the representative for consecutive years.
- The School Council representatives will meet on a regular basis.
- Class teachers will provide opportunities for pupils to discuss issues raised at School Council meetings.
- Agendas will be provided to classes for discussion before meetings.
- School Council recommendations require the approval of the Headteacher prior to implementation.
- Minutes of School Council meetings will be circulated to the Trust community via the website and the School Council Notice Board.