

St. Peter's Primary School Council – 2017/18

Your child has expressed an interest in standing for election to the School Council. Below are some points for them to consider before making a final decision.

- Being on the School Council is a responsible job and involves some extra work.
- Councillors will have to meet with their class mates to find out what things they think will make the school run better.
- Councillors will have to meet with other councillors to decide the key things to take to a full Council meeting with Mrs Collins and Miss Fishburn.
- Councillors will have to work with Mrs Collins and Miss Fishburn to make changes happen in school.
- The School Council will be responsible for letting everyone know about their work.

Elections

- To be elected, pupils will have to give a short talk or presentation to their class outlining why they would make a good School Councillor. The pupils will then have a secret ballot to elect their representative.
- We will try to ensure an even distribution of gender and age.
- The election is open to pupils who have not been on the council in the previous year. If places cannot be filled in this way, then pupils who have served before may be elected.
- The election will be organised by the outgoing School Council.

Election Talk

This should not exceed three minutes and should cover the following:

- What you think makes a good school councillor.
- What you would try to do as a school councillor.
- Why you would make a good councillor.

Pupils may like to use the sheet below to start to gather their thoughts

Please note:

- Children must never make any negative comments in their talk about anyone else in school or they will automatically be disqualified.
- Children should avoid wild claims to win votes e.g. If elected I will make sure we have sweets and fizzy drinks vending machines installed in every classroom.

If your child decides not to stand for election, that is entirely their choice.

Notes for School Council Election Talk

Your Name _____

What do you think makes a good school councillor?	
What would you try to do as a school councillor? How could you help to make our school better?	
Why would you make a good councillor?	
Anything else you would like to say.	