



School Council Policy

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www.newburland.leics.sch.uk

Adopted by the governing body at the meeting held in November 22 – see minutes

Due for review every 3 years



‘All pupils at Newton Burgoland School have a voice.’

- Article 12 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) says that children and young people should have a say in decisions that affect their lives.
- Our school council enables pupils to have their voices heard by senior leaders and this makes them feel empowered and valued.
- Student councillors develop confidence along with leadership and communication skills as they gain first-hand experience of democracy which is one of the fundamental British values.
- Our school council helps to bring the school closer together as a community by organising events and projects. These include Harvest collections and celebrations, topical assemblies, fundraising and charity events.
- Our school council has a chairperson, a vice chairperson, a secretary, an events manager and a treasurer. These pupils are all members of Class 4 which is a mixed Year 5/6 class. They are elected following delivery of speeches to the whole school. All children and staff in school have a vote. (These roles are voted for alongside voting for other responsibilities, namely the Eco Team Members; Anti-Bullying and Diversity Champions; E-Safety Champions and Technical Supports; and Sports Ambassadors. All children in Year 5 and 6 have a responsibility.)
- A member of the Senior Leadership Team works closely with the School Council and other teams and ensures that they have regular times to meet to formulate an action plan and to discuss real and meaningful issues.
- At Newton Burgoland Primary School pupils feel their voices are being heard and know that school council can make a difference.