



Hemsby Primary School Council Policy



What is the School Council?

- The school council is about:
 - Learning to work together
 - Learning to give everyone a voice
 - Helping others, both in our school and in the wider community
- The school council's job is to involve everyone, not do everything.

It needs to get everyone:

- Finding things they want to change
- Coming up with ways to make them better
- Putting those ideas in to action
- Seeing what works (evaluating)

Who is part of our School Council?

- Everyone at Hemsby Primary is part of our School Council and everyone's voice and opinion is equally important.
- Years 1 to 6 each have a girl and boy representative from their class on the School Council.
- Mrs Ritchie is our link teacher.
- Two new children from each class are elected at the beginning of every school year on 'Election Day' through a secret ballot and are on the School Council for the whole year. Children have to wait 2 years before they can be re-elected.

How do our Class Councils work?

- Each class has a meeting every week.
- We talk about what has been discussed at the previous School Council meeting and anything else we want to talk about that we think School Council can help with.
- The Class Council Reps run the meeting and take notes (with help from the teacher if they need it).
- When you give your class representative an idea, she or he will:
 - Note it down
 - Take it to the next school council meeting
 - Tell you what is happening to your idea

How do our School Council meetings work?

- The School Council meets every week and has a weekly agenda based on ideas from the children or staff.
- Every member is given chance to share their opinions and new ideas from their class.
- We then choose which ideas we can do something about or we find someone else in the school who may be able to help us.
- We sometimes need the opinion of the whole school and so will ask that a certain topic is discussed in your class council meetings.
- We write minutes of our meetings and send a copy to each class. A copy is also displayed in the Staffroom.
- We have two notice boards in the school to display photos of our current school councillors and to keep everyone up to date with events we may be organising.

What will staff do for the school council?

- Staff will make sure meetings happen when they are supposed to and support the class reps to run the class council meetings.
- Staff will discuss matters with other members of staff and answer the school council's questions by the next meeting if possible.
- Staff will also try to explain why, if things aren't able to happen.

This School Council policy has been written and agreed with the School Council on 27th September 2017. It will be reviewed in September 2019.

Signed:

It has been agreed by the Head teacher and Governing Body

Head teacher

Signed: _____ date: _____

Chair of Governors:

Signed: _____ date: _____

