

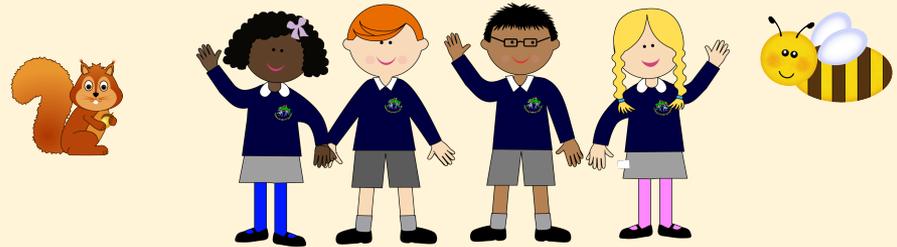
We hope you enjoy  
being a  
School Councillor!



Use this space to write any notes or  
any questions you might have:



Welcome to



Harnham Infant School Council



Pupil Handbook



Thank you for joining the Harnham Infants School Council

We hope you are excited about your new role!



### Why do we need a school council?

A lot of the decisions that are made at school are made by the adults based on what they think is best for the children. But with a school council, we can share what the children think is best to help the adults make the decisions.

The school council is the children's voice and ideas to make Harnham Infants an even better school!

### Who is on the school council?

There is one child from each reception and year 1 class.

There are 2 children from each year 2 class. This is so that they can take on the special roles of  
Chairperson (who runs the meetings)

Vice Chairperson (who helps run the meetings)

Secretary (who takes the notes and decides what we talk about)

The school council will be overseen by Mrs Pike



### How often will the school council meet?

This can depend on current events happening at school, but in general the school council will meet once or twice per term.

We will meet for about half an hour during the afternoon in the library.



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### What is my job as a school councillor?

- To go to meetings and share your ideas and ideas from your class.
- To listen to other children's ideas
- To tell your class what we have talked about at the meetings.
- To listen to your class friends views and share them with the school council. (to be their voice)
- To be involved in special activities that the school council runs.
- To continue to be a good role model for the other children in our school.



### What sort of thing will I need to do?

- ✓ Talk in front of your class
- ✓ Listen to other people and think carefully about ideas of how to improve our school.
- ✓ Be involved in writing letters from the school council
- ✓ Organise events (with help from Mrs Pike and the team)
- ✓ Meet other school staff e.g. lunchtime supervisors, governors
- ✓ Carry out questionnaires and surveys
- ✓ Look after visitors to the school
- ✓ Write / draw updates for the school newsletter, blog or website.



### Important words I might hear:

**Meeting** - this is when everyone in the council will get together to talk about problems or make decisions. We will work as a team.

**Agenda** - This is like a list of what will be talked about at the meeting. You might have to talk to your class about it before you come to the meeting.

**Minutes** - These are notes that are written down at the meeting so that you can tell your class about it.

