

School Council

A school council is a *formal group of pupils* who act as *representatives of their classmates in discussing school issues* with the headteacher and staff. It's a brilliant way of representing and contributing to [Pupil Voice](#) in your school. Students are elected to represent the views of all pupils and also to improve their school. "School council" means all kinds of school-based groups run by students, including student forums and youth parliaments. They help to make decisions about how the school is run and take on projects that support the children's learning and development, such as organising charity events, representing the school at outside events or ensuring the school is environmentally friendly. School councils are usually elected annually by the other children. A school council does a number of things:

- A school council usually meets with a teacher present to discuss and sort out problems. These could include school lunches, behaviour or ideas for fundraising events.
- Members of the school council are responsible for carrying out the ideas that have been agreed upon, such as planning discos, writing newspaper articles, or meeting with catering staff.
- Each year, every class will normally elect two representatives to be members of the school council. The council will then meet to elect officers such as Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.

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What does the council do?

The school council does a number of things:

Our school council meets, with a teacher present - to discuss and sort out problems.

These may include:

- school fundraising
- littering around school
- safe parking.
- School lunches
- Behaviour
- Community needs

Members of the school council are responsible for carrying out the ideas that have been agreed, such as:

- planning competitions and events
- organising fun activities for example discos and Cinema nights.
- Meeting with catering staff

What are the aims of the school council?

- To make sure that our school is a safe and happy place for all our children.
- To have a safe place where children can voice their concerns.
- To encourage all children in the school to suggest improvements.
- To ensure any suggestions or concerns are listened to and acted upon.

What makes our school council a good one?

A good school council is one that represents the views of all students and gets things done. To raise any ideas or concerns children are asked to place any suggestions are discussed at meetings. The outcomes of meetings are taken to Headteacher for ratification.

These are some things that make our school council effective:

- Regular meetings- arriving on time. A council that is not too big (20 members)
- Listen and show respect to each other.

- Make decisions among themselves.
- Good communication between representatives and their class

What has our school council done- Autumn Term

So far this year, the School Council have already made an impact on making St Matthew's Catholic Primary School an even better place to go to school.

We have:

- Held elections to vote for a new School Council.
- Set up weekly meetings
- Held a MacMillan Cake sale and raised £303 for MacMillan and Click Sergeant
- Held a Cafod Family Harvest Day and collected food hampers for school families in need
- Worked with Mrs Pritchard to make posters for Mental Health awareness day (wear yellow).
- Collected donations and made Christmas Hampers for Families in Need.
- Collected humanitarian aid for Ukraine refugees

Our Aim for 2021-2022

St Matthew's School Council will again, elect some hard working and dedicated members to the council this year, from Y1 only which will lead to us great achievements. The School Council will work as one to help Mrs Sime make our school and our community the best it can be.

School Parliament

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Pupil Parliament

St Matthew's Catholic Primary School Parliament is made up of primary schools from around Liverpool and each school have two representatives who attend regular meetings at Liverpool Town Hall. There is a formal organising committee and the purpose of the meetings is to discuss issues that effects schools in Liverpool.

We have 6 representatives from year 6 and one from year 5. They work extremely hard at achieving the best for our school and our community.

Parliament Duties throughout the Year

- Transition in Mass
- Readings in Mass
- Poppy Appeal organisation
- Year book and end of year celebrations
- Newsletter
- Parent's Evenings (Book show)

- Support for class and whole school assemblies
- Support for Nativity and end of year play

Final Note:

We are extremely proud of the members of our Children's Leadership Team as these children have been chosen by both the pupils in their class and the staff in school to be members of the team. The team meet with Mrs Sime and Mrs Pritchard to discuss school matters and how things can be changed or improved for the whole school community. They also have responsibilities around the school to help in the day to day running of St Matthew's. The pupils' voices are important and need to be heard.