

Chase Lane Primary School and Nursery



What will they do?

- Make sure our school continues to be as healthy and happy as it can be
- Listen to the views of everyone
- Do things to help the environment and conservation
- Raise money for charity

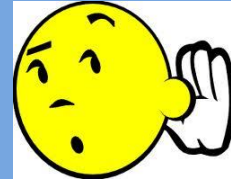
Who will they be?

One girl and one boy from each class from year 2 to year 6



Useful skills to have

- Being reliable
- Being a good listener
- Being organised and able to take notes
- Being confident to lead meetings in class
- Being confident to take ideas from your class and share them at school council meetings
- Being willing to give up some of own time to carry out tasks – e.g. write letters to helpful people, or phone them



How do you apply?

You will need to think about why **YOU** would make a good school council rep Think about the following questions

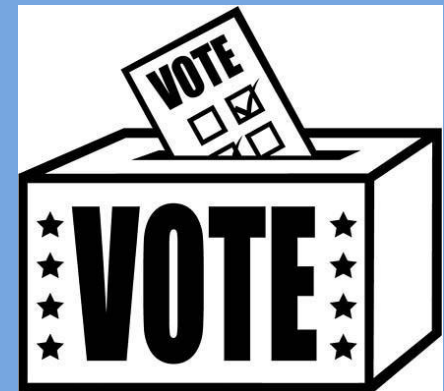
1. Why do you want to be a school council rep?
2. Why should your class vote for you? What qualities or skills do you have?
3. What would you like to do/put in place for the pupils of Chase Lane if you are elected?

Prepare a speech answering these questions to present to your class. Everyone (including you) will then **vote** for one girl and one boy class representative

What is voting?

Voting is when you decide who you think would be the best person for the role. You will listen to the speeches of children in your class and decide who you think would be a good class rep. You will then privately write down your choice and post it in a private secure box.

Your teacher will then count the votes and announce the successful candidates to the class.



What happens next?

- The elected (chosen) representatives will attend a school council meeting during the week of 20th February to observe the current council holding a meeting
- Class reps will hold a class council meeting the following week with the existing reps modelling how to run the meeting

School council and class meetings will carry on taking place on a fortnightly cycle

School council meetings

The class reps will meet every fortnight.

They will have an **AGENDA** which is a list of things they will discuss during the meeting.

One person will be the **CHAIRPERSON** who leads the meeting. There will also be a **VICE CHAIRPERSON** to support and stand in for the chairperson if they are away.

There is a **TREASURER** who will watch over the school council budget

Mrs Kneeshaw will work alongside one rep to be the **SECRETARY** and write the minutes .This is a record what is said or decided in the meeting

Who has each role will be agreed at the first school council meeting.



Class council meetings

Every class will have a class council meeting on the week which the school council does not meet. During this you will be taken through the minutes of the school council meeting on the class whiteboard by your class teacher and class reps.

You will **ALL** have the opportunity to give ideas which can be taken back to the next school council meeting.

Your class reps will write down your ideas to take back (so they don't forget!)

There will be some specific things you will need to discuss and give ideas on. These will be made clear with the following image



What do you need to do now?

- Have a think about whether you would like to represent your class.
- Also think about whether you think you have the skills to be an effective school council member
- You could talk it through with an adult such as your teacher, TA or someone else who knows you well if you are unsure

GOOD LUCK!!

REMEMBER - You will still have your say even if you are not a rep at class council meetings

