



Pupil Parliament and Class Council

Each voice matters!

Rationale

Our Pupil Parliament and Class Councils aim to support an empowered system within St Margaret's Primary School. Their purpose is to include all pupils in the self evaluation and decision making processes of the school.



Our School Values



Be Safe



Be Respectful



Be the best you

THE BIG PICTURE

Education Scotland sets out the principles of an empowered system for learners.

In an empowered system, learners:

- ★ participate as underpinned by the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, most notably Article 12 (respect for the views of the child) and Article 13 (freedom of expression);
- ★ are enabled to engage in planning and leading their learning, and to have meaningful dialogue about approaches to learning and teaching;
- ★ are clear about how they can share their ideas and have a role in leading and shaping change through clear systems for engaging them in participating, which are agreed, understood and used regularly; and
- ★ understand and see the impacts of their participation in their learning, in their setting, and in local and global communities.

(Education Scotland, An Empowered System, 2020:2)

THE AIMS

The Pupil Parliament and Class Councils:



Represent all pupils.



Take time to listen to all pupils and communicate their views.



Feed back to pupils about how their views have been used.



Action decisions that have been made or explain why they can't happen.

THE BENEFITS

- ✓ Provides pupil leadership opportunities.
- ✓ Builds communication, organisation and debating skills through key roles of responsibility.
- ✓ Benefits the whole school - pupils and teachers.
- ✓ Gives pupils a greater part in school life and the chance to have their voices heard.

Confident
Respected
Included

How it works

1



Class Council

At the beginning of the term, each class council meets as a whole class and discusses a key area of school improvement.

2



Pupil Voice Representatives

Supported by the class teacher, summarise key themes from their discussion and add these to our Padlet.

3



Pupil Parliament Meeting

Pupil Voice Representatives attend the Pupil Parliament meeting where a key area of school improvement is discussed.

4



Share and inform

Pupil Parliament Representatives from P6 and P7 share the decisions made and actions taken at assemblies to ensure all pupils are kept informed.

Our Class Council discussions



Each session will reflect the current needs and School Improvement Plan of the school.

We use the Youth Voice Toolkit, How Good is OUR School and the Feedback Cycle to ensure that all voices are heard and feedback is given on our actions.

Together we make a difference

Listen

Support

Make a difference



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