

St Edmund's Catholic Primary School



Student Council Policy February 2021

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Mission Statement

To Love, to Care, to Share.

St. Edmund's Catholic Primary School is a community of faith where we aim to keep Christ at the centre of everything we do. We celebrate the uniqueness of every individual, nurturing them to achieve their full potential.

Our understanding and experience of the love of God grows through our way of living, behaving, learning and teaching, which is inspired by Jesus.

Our Mission Statement is encapsulated in our Motto, "To Love, to Care, to Share", which along with our Catholic values and the teaching of the Catholic Church underpins the values of this policy.

1. Aims and purpose of the Student School Council

- to give pupils the opportunity to be involved in improving school life for everyone
- to enable pupils to work as partners with staff, developing a caring school community
- to provide all pupils with opportunities to develop skills that will be important throughout their lives
- to involve pupils in solving problems and resolving conflicts
- to act as a voice for all children in the school
- to benefit the school
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- to contribute to decisions within the school
- to organise social events and fundraisers
- to promote democracy

2. The Student School Council

- Children that wish to put themselves forward to join the student council will need to create a poster that goes on display (outside the ICT/Conference room). Their poster will need to detail why they would be a good member of student council.
- They will need to write a speech and give this speech to the school at a whole school assembly. This will be undertaken over the course of the autumn term. Students will be voted in before the Christmas break.

- Each class across Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 will elect pupils to be their representatives. This is undertaken after the key stages have heard the speeches at the whole school assembly.
- The school council will be made up of fifteen representatives from the year 5 and 6 classes.
- Each child will be a class representative and one spare to cover absences.
- The school council will meet at least once every half term.
- Minutes will be taken of the school council meetings. These will be distributed to classes to make sure everyone knows about the activities of the council.

3. Responsibilities of pupil councillors

- Class representatives will report back to their class after every school council meeting.
- Class representatives will take issues brought up by their class to the school council. They should put across the views of their class, not their own opinions.
- If a representative misses school council meetings three times without a good reason, the class can choose to elect a new representative.
- If a representative resigns the teacher in charge will invite the child with next highest-number of votes to join the student council.
- A representative needs to show outstanding behaviour and effort in lessons and outside the classroom. If a representative's behaviour is not up to standard, their membership will be withdrawn.
- Class representatives will serve for one school year.
- Students that were members in year 5 will be invited back to join Student Council in year 6 if they wish to.

4. Rules of Student Council

- To come to every meeting.
- To listen to each other.
- To respect each other's views.
- To act as a voice for our class.
- To vote on any proposals.
- To prepare/provide/present at this meeting if we are asked to.
- To share our ideas and actions with our class.
- To make sure things happen because of our meetings.