

Smart School Council Policy

Our Smart School Council Policy shows how **St John's** helps to involve every pupil's voice.

At our school, we believe that everyone's voice is important, and this document shows how we are ensuring that we are listening and responding to the voice of pupils.

What is our Smart School Council for?

Our Smart School Council is helping our young people to:

- Learning to work together
- Learning about democracy and pupil voice
- Learning how to play a positive role in our community

It is for everyone in our school, helping pupils to:

- Find things they want to change
- Come up with ways to make them better
- Put those ideas into action
- See what works (evaluating)

We involve every voice by...

- Every class has a meeting every 3 weeks
- Questions topics are decided by a team of young people called the Communication Team with the help of the lead teacher
- A different person runs the meeting each time (with help from the teacher if they need it).
- A different person takes notes each time (with help from the teacher if they need it)

Our staff commit to:

- Make sure meetings happen when they are supposed to.
- Support pupils to run meetings.
- The Headteacher will answer all the school council's questions within one week.
- If the Headteacher has to say 'no' to anything, she will explain why.