



# School Council Statement

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The school council here at St Mary's Catholic Primary School in Crewe consists of extremely active, dedicated and well organised pupils.

The members of our school council take their roles very seriously and, as a result of their hard work and dedication, have orchestrated and coordinated positive changes within our school. Children in our school vote for other children in their class from a range of nominees and vote.

The school council is led by a Chair and Deputy Chair who are chosen by the school council members themselves. We also have link teachers who help to facilitate the meetings.

Our school council helps to provide a voice for all pupils and it aims to meet each half term. This will consist of meetings with UKS2 and LKS2 separately, as well as all of the children coming together to meet as a whole team where possible.

# Vision Statement

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Our school council works together as a team to ensure we can be the best school possible by discussing ideas and making decisions.

- We aim to help all pupils feel comfortable, happy and safe at school.
- We work together through trust, co-operation, team work and a positive attitude
- We aim to listen to others, discuss comments and make suggestions that would make our school even better than it is now!

Over the past few years, our school council have helped to improve the school environment and grounds, suggested and run fundraising activities during school time, raised money for charities and acted as hosts when we have visitors. We were also involved in introducing and designing a tie which is now included as part of our uniform! How amazing! 😊

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# Meet our School Councillors

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| <u>YEAR 3</u>  | <u>YEAR 4</u>   | <u>YEAR 5</u>                                      | <u>YEAR 6</u>   |
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| Filip<br>Jess<br>Jakub<br>Eva<br>Theo<br>Tolawani  | Samuel<br>Florence<br>Bradley<br>Maddie<br>Osteen<br>Delcia | Isaac<br>Jenna<br>Vlad<br>Emily<br>Barney<br>Alexa | Mackenzie<br>Ayline<br>Florence<br>Samson<br>Maya<br>Kacper<br>Ella |
| <b>Chair</b> – McKenzie<br><b>Vice-Chairs</b> – Florence and Ayline<br><b>Secretaries</b> – Maya and Samson<br><b>Treasurers</b> – Ella and Kacper |   |  |   |



We have many ideas for the forthcoming year such as fund raising, charity events, competitions, whole school fayres. All which will enable us to improve our school. Please see our latest information below for the most recent events/news.

## Our Latest Information

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### SPRING TERM 2022



During the Spring Term 2022, the school councillors have decided to continue the focus on a very important theme that is current and relevant within our society and wider world – ‘Life with Less Plastic’. As a school council, we are whole-heartedly committed to ensuring that we promote better ways to use, reuse and recycle plastic, both inside of school and outside. As discussed in our very first

school council meeting, we aim to raise money in order to provide our school environment with more bins that will help to minimise the waste found in and around our school.

Some of the school council members have also been working closely with our site manager, Mr Lord in their own break time and lunchtime to collect litter found on the school site. We have spent time litter picking to minimise rubbish in our school environment and ensure it is recycled and disposed of correctly. Once the new recycle bins arrive at school, we will be holding an assembly for each key stage to set clear expectations of how to use the bins to improve our environment. This is something we are extremely passionate about as a school council team.

The school council team are keen on liaising with the P.E leaders to provide more equipment for breaktimes, lunchtimes and our P.E sessions. They would like more footballs and basketballs which will widen their opportunities to play further ballgames with their peers. In addition to this, our Play Leaders – who received their training from Chris Hughes from Crewe and Nantwich School Sport Partnership in March - will deliver structured games and activities which will further improve playtimes for our children.

In addition to this, our Year 5/6 School Council members will work alongside the Play Leaders in the summer term. Once they have had experience in leading games for the children and we have monitored the success of these, they then intend to train the Year 4 children so they can too begin leading games for the Year 3 and 4 children. The play leaders are keen to have timetabled slots for their games in the MUGA to ensure there is designated areas for these to take place.

Another priority for this term is to liaise with school council staff, Miss Hough, Miss Rainford and Mrs Hayes-Basing along with the kitchen team to provide a wider variety of snacks for breaktimes. They feel that it is important that the options are more inclusive for children with dietary requirements that may also want the option for a hot snack than bringing something from home. The suggestions included having vegan/gluten free and a wider selection of fruit options available for purchase at the snack trolley. Earlier this half-term, the Year 5 and 6 school council conducted a survey in their classrooms this term in order to see which meal options would be preferred for the summer term. The results of these have been sent over to the Cheshire East catering team so that they can put together a menu based on the children's preferences.

Another suggestion that the school councillors are keen to implement is a designated area of the school playground to be used for drawing and art work. As the warmer weather is approaching, this is something the children are really keen on introducing and they are going to pass their ideas forward to Mrs Barnett and Mrs Varnom to see if they can support with this.

As we approach the end of the Spring term, the School Council have begun an Easter-themed 'bonnet' competition. Children from each key stage have been invited to enter with each £1 entry going towards new school play equipment and recycling bins.



With the support of Mr Lord, the School Council have also designated areas of the playground to begin planting seeds and bulbs in the early summer term. We hope that this will further improve the appearance of our school grounds.

We look forward to updating you on all of the above and all of the other things we have planned for the year ahead, very soon!

**School Councillors.**