



# William Gilbert Endowed (Church of England)

## Primary School & Nursery

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Dear Parents/Carers

School Council

I am excited to inform you that William Gilbert is currently appointing a new school council committee with representatives from Year 3, 4, 5 and 6. Pupils who expressed an interest in becoming a committee member were invited to complete an application form.

What is the School Council?

A school council provides a meaningful way in which pupils can voice their opinions and have their views considered in decisions that impact upon them.

School council aims:

- To meet regularly to discuss their views and be heard.
- To organise whole school and class events
- To organise charity days
- To make sure our school is a happy and safe place for all our children.
- To make sure children have a place to voice their concerns, opinions, and thoughts.
- To encourage all children in school to suggest ideas and improvements.
- To ensure any suggestions or concerns raised by pupils are listened to and acted upon.

Pupils are taught about democracy as a British Value throughout their time in school, and we are keen to involve pupils in the democratic process where possible.



Therefore, the appointment of committee member will be achieved by:

- Ensuring that all applications are anonymous; each application was given a number rather than a name. This is to guarantee that the voting process is fair and transparent, preventing pupils from voting for someone 'because it is their friend'. All votes will be based on pupils' manifestos and their suggested contributions towards the school council roles.
- Pupils read application forms from pupils in another class. E.g. All application submitted from Year 3 will be read by pupils in Year 4.
- Pupils casting votes into a ballot box. The votes were counted and the two pupil applicants with the highest number of votes from each class, will be voted onto the school council committee.

I look forward to keeping you updated with our school council projects and achievements. All school council members will be elected by Thursday 23rd November 2023.

Kind regards

Mrs Zoe Kibble

Deputy Headteacher