

# Pensilva Primary School Council Policy

## What is our school council for?

- The school council is about:
  - Learning to work together
  - Learning to give everyone a voice
  - Learning how to play a positive role in our community
- The school council's job is to involve everyone, not do everything. It needs to get everyone:
  - Finding things they want to change
  - Coming up with ways to make them better
  - Putting those ideas in to action
  - Seeing what works (evaluating)

## How does our class council work?

- Our whole class has a meeting monthly (the date is displayed on the notice board)
- We decide what we're going to talk about the day of the meeting.
- A different person runs the meeting each time (with help from the teacher if they need it).
- The school council members take notes each time (with help from the teacher if they need it).
- The school Council meets monthly on a Wednesday. The Class Council would have met and the information can be fed back to the School Council to discuss. (Date, time and agenda are displayed on the School Council notice board)

## What will the school council do for our class?

- When you give your class representative an idea, she or he will:
  - Note it down
  - Take it to the next school council meeting
  - Tell you what is happening to your idea within 4 weeks
- The school council will try to make your idea happen by getting:
  - Permission
  - Support
  - Money
  - Time
- If they can't they will tell you why not.
- If they can, they will want your class to help make your idea happen.

### What will staff do for the school council?

- Make sure meetings happen when they are supposed to.
- Support pupils to run meetings.
- The staff/governors will answer all the school council's questions by the next meeting.
- If the staff / governors have to say 'no' to anything, they will explain why.

**This School Council policy has been written and agreed by the School Council on**

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