

Horton Kirby Church of England Primary School

School Parliament

Horton Kirby Church of England Primary School Council has evolved into a School Parliament. At our school, we use the British value of democracy to elect a group of pupils to represent their class. These pupils are elected by their peers to represent the views of all pupils and to improve their school. From this parliament a 'cabinet' will be elected. Some of these children hold titles such as Shadow Head Teacher, Shadow Deputy Head, Shadow Chair of Governors etc. The School Parliament meets, once every half-term, to discuss and sort out problems. These may include school lunches, behaviour or ideas for fundraising events.

Members of the School Parliament will be responsible for carrying out the ideas that have been agreed, such as: what to spend fund raising money on; improving Reward Time across the school or planning new playground activities.

Being a school parliamentarian is a responsible job and as Horton Kirby Church of England Primary School Parliament is evolving to be a very effective one, it does mean that every child learns a lot from taking part.

Our School

We want our school to be the kind of school that everyone enjoys coming to, where everyone knows and understands each other. We want it to be a cheerful place, where we look after everyone.

We want it to be a safe place where children can be trusted to be sensible, because everyone follows and live up to the school values of Respect, Responsibility, being resilient and reflect. Children follow the school rules and expectations and lives by the school values. We want everyone to be honest, have good manners and to treat people and possessions with respect.

We want to be proud of our work and try our best every day, so we do well with our learning and are the best that we can be. We will keep going when things are challenging and listen carefully to each other. We want to find out interesting and useful things about the world.

If everyone can do this we will remember the great time we had at Horton Kirby Church of England Primary School, with our friends, for the rest of our lives.

What is our School Parliament for?

The School Parliament is about:

Working and learning together

Learning about democracy

Learning how to play a positive role model in our community

Improving our school for everyone

The School Parliament's job is to involve everyone, not do everything. Everybody needs to help by:

Finding things that they would like to change

Finding ways to make things better

Putting their ideas into actions

How does our Class Parliament work?

Each class will elect a School Parliament member

Our Class Parliament will have a meeting every Half-Term

The class decide what they are going to talk about the day before the meeting so that everybody has time to think

A different person runs the meeting each time, with help from their teacher if it is needed

A different person takes notes each time, with help from their teacher if it is needed

The School Parliament Member from each class and one other person from the class will go to the School Parliament meeting every half term to put across the classes view

What will the School Parliament do for our class?

When the Class Parliament share ideas with class representative they will:

Take it to the next School Parliament meeting to discuss

Tell you what is happening with your idea

The School Parliament will try to make your idea happen by getting:

Permission

Money

Support

Time

If they cannot make the idea happen there will be clear reasons why this cannot happen.

If they can make your idea happen they will need your help to make it happen.

What will staff do for the School Parliament?

Make sure meetings happen when they are supposed to

Support pupils to run meetings

Staff role in Class Parliament Meetings

Ensure that there is time given for meetings

Initially model chairing a meeting

Support class discussions