

Election of School Council Class Representatives

This could be done during a circle time.

One member needs to be elected from each Year 1 and 2 class.

The class representative's job is to:

- go to all school council meetings
- tell other members of the school council what their class has been saying
- take part in school council discussions
- report back to their own class what the school council has said.

Ask the children what sort of person they think a class representative needs to be.

Get the pupils to think about the job of the representative and the qualities the representative should have if they are going to do the job properly.

Highlight qualities such as

- fairness
- being sensible
- being a good listener
- having a good memory
- being reliable,
- being able to speak in a group
- reporting back to the class what has been said

Write the qualities that the children mention on the board. Add any others that need to be mentioned.

Ask them to think about whether they would like to be elected themselves.

If they would, they must think about the kinds of things they would say to persuade other children to choose them.

Get them to stand up in front of the class and say why they would like to be on the school council.

When the class are considering who to choose, they must think about who has the qualities to be the best person for the job – it might not be their best friend!

Emphasise not choosing their best friend or who they have just played with at playtime or lunchtime.

Elections need to be carried out by ballot on slips of paper (included) to be posted in a box or bag so it is done anonymously. Votes are then counted and the girl and boy with the most votes are elected as class representatives for the school council. I would suggest doing it in two stages so candidates names can be written on the ballot paper in advance and then photocopied for easiness so all the class have to do is put a cross in the box next to the name.

The first meeting will take place next

Wednesday 13th September 11.00am in the Meeting Room

Many Thanks,

Mrs Soane (Clerk to the School Council)