

# Pupil Parliament

At NRCS we believe that children and young people need to be active participants in their own education and to feel that their opinions will be heard. We seek ways to listen to the views of our pupils and involve them in decision-making so that they are engaged as partners in the life of the school. The Pupil Parliament has been set up to develop the ways in which pupils can make a positive contribution to the school environment and ethos but also broaden the experiences and wider development of our young people.

Our Pupil Parliament consists of pupils from all ages and classes – we are totally inclusive. Anyone can apply to be a Member of Parliament. Members are voted in by their class peers.

## Intent of Pupil Parliament

Pupil Parliament will:

- Be a positive forum
- Provide an opportunity for all pupils to be heard
- Provide a forum for the leadership of the school to listen to the pupil's opinions
- Aid communication throughout the school
- Build the pupils confidence and self-esteem
- Encourage the pupils to be active citizens
- Provide all pupils with a democratic model

## Implementation

- The pupils vote for a representative in each class by holding a ballot at the start of the year, the then elected Pupil Parliament ministers hold that post for the whole school year.



- All classes will vote for a Pupil Parliament MP. However, classes can have a class MP rather than specific MP.
- The pupils bring their ideas to the Pupil Parliament MPs, who present them to the school.
- Classes can also elect to send a video message or attend virtually if they feel they are unable to attend whole school parliament meetings. We want all voices to be heard and included in discussions.
- Structure of Pupil Parliament - The Pupil Parliament is structured much like the government as it is made up of different sub-committees. Each of these committees is designed to have a specific focus on improving NRCS. A member of staff leads each committee half termly.
- **Eco Committee/Eco Council** - environmental issues
- **Curriculum Team** - learning and teaching ideas
- **Travel Ambassadors** - links within the community
- **Sports Team** - playground activities to sports teams
- **Wellbeing Champions** - enrichment and support for all pupils' wellbeing

### Impact

- Pupil Parliament discuss topical and school-based issues. They work with our pupils, staff, parents, governors and wider community to support the school ethos, to improve the achievements and successes of our school and to make the school a happier place for all.