

School Council Vision Statement and Policy

Vision and Aims for Pupils:

At Heronsgate School we want all children to be able to express their opinions and ideas in a safe and nurturing environment. The role of the School Council allows opinions to be considered, challenged, and debated by others. We believe that the ability to consider other opinions as well as share their own is a cornerstone of British democracy. The decisions that our School Council make have a tangible impact on the school – teaching the children that their actions and those of others can make a difference to the world around them and society.

At Heronsgate, the School Council should:

- Provide an opportunity for the children to become partners in their own education – making a positive contribution to the wider school community
- Develop the children's social skills so that they communicate in a respectful manner
- Teach the children how democratic decisions are made and conversely that democracy means that not all ideas can be developed at the same time
- Develop their speaking and listening skills
- Teach the children that they have the right to be heard
- Teach the children the importance of responsibility
- To develop their self-awareness and self-respect in turn improving their mental health
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Our Charter:

Our School Council play an important role at Heronsgate School. We believe that the children themselves should be able to help shape the school, its curriculum and wider school community. School Council members are elected by their peers in yearly elections. A secret vote is held, and two representatives are selected per class, a fortnightly Rota allowing them to attend meetings every two weeks. The charter helps to ensure a fair and safe dialogue between the children and staff.

Our School Council Charter 2022-23

We promise to be:

- *Be good role models,*
- *Listen to all members of the School Council and all children within our school community*
- *Be good communicators- talking and listening with respect and kindness*
- *Respect other people and their feelings*
- *Considerate when we disagree*
- *Give feedback to our teachers and classmates*



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