

# School Council

At Hollywater School we have a school council that consists of a representative from each class and an elected Chair person. The School Council meetings are supported by a class teacher and a member of the Governing Body. Agendas are set for each meeting and representatives seek the advice and ideas from all the pupils in their class. Minutes of the meetings are taken and then these are shared with the Senior Leadership Team.

## Purpose of a School Council

- **Representation** – Pupils' voices are formally heard in school decision-making
- **Advising on priorities** – Helping decide on school improvement plans, wellbeing programs, or resource needs
- **Supporting the Headteacher** – Working with leadership to ensure the school meets the needs of all students
- **Community link** – Strengthening the partnership between staff, pupils and the wider community

## What the School Council Typically Does

- Reviews and endorses school protocols and procedures
- Discusses and makes suggestions towards school improvement
- Opportunity to listen to pupil voice
- Assists in shaping **policies**—for example:
  - Safeguarding poster for pupils
  - Anti-bullying policy ( child-friendly version )
- Promotes community events, fundraising, and awareness activities