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## **Barnet Hill Academy School Council**

### **Our Vision:**

*"Our vision is, for all children at Barnet Hill Academy to be able to have a voice and contribute towards the continuous improvement of our school community"*

### **Definition and Ethos of our School Council**

The School Council is a body of students elected by their peers in a formal election setting. These students represent the views of all the pupils and consider ways to improve their school. The school council is made up of representatives from each class from Reception to Year 6 who discuss matters about their learning and school life and raise any concerns with the Senior Management Team and Governors of the school.

Barnet Hill Academy firmly believe that young people have unique perspectives on learning, teaching and schooling in general and we encourage students to think about how to enact their understanding of human rights and responsibilities in practical ways. It gives them direct experience of debating and negotiating issues and enables them to see the 'bigger picture' of how the whole school is run.

### **Our Aim:**

- To make sure that our school is a safe and happy place to be.
- To make sure that children have a place to voice their opinions and concerns.
- To encourage all children in the school to suggest improvements.
- To make sure any concerns are listened to and acted upon.

### **Role of a School Council:**

- Attends all Student Council meetings
- Brings the ideas, interests, and concerns of his/her classmates to the meetings.
- Reports back to the classroom regarding what was decided in a meeting.
- Encourages other students to get involved in Student Council activities.
- Provides volunteer service during select school events.

### **School Council Elections:**

Every student from Year 2 to Year 6 took part in an election to elect two representatives for our school council. Elections for school council were democratic. Everyone had a right to vote and the people with most votes were elected.



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Reception and Year 1 teachers choose their class representatives.

### **Meetings:**

- School council meetings are held once a month in the new ICT Room. Decisions will be made using a hands up or blind voting system. Ideas and questions are put to classes/the whole school before they are voted on in school council.
- Our School Councilors work together to make BHA the best it can be.

*"Together we can achieve more."*

### **Giving Feedback to Pupils:**

Following the School Council Meeting, School Council Members speak to their class to let them know what is going on and tell the class about the issues being discussed and what is happening next. This will encourage more children to contribute to further meetings, share worries and let members know what should be done to improve the school.