

# **Stokesay Primary Schools Council Vision Statement**

Our vision is for all children at Stokesay Primary School 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 Y2 - Y6. They will discuss matters about their learning and school life and raise any concerns with the Senior Management Team and Governors of the school.

Stokesay Primary School firmly believes 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.

### **School Council Guidelines**

The aim of the school council is to involve students in helping to create and implement school policies and procedures that will benefit everyone in the school community. This will address the following areas:

To make changes in our school and community.

- To give pupils the opportunity to let adults know their feelings and opinions about things that affect them.
- Pupils should also be able to have a say in decisions and to play an active role in making their school a better place for all.

## The Role of the Council

The school council will undertake the following:

- Work with the SMT and Governors to share their opinions on matters which affect the school community.
- Develop creative ways to involve parents in the school.
- Develop ways of encouraging outside groups and agencies to be involved in the school. Serve as the voice for the pupils of Stokesay Primary School within the school and within the community.

#### The Role of the School Councillors

The role of the School Councillors is to:

- Listen to the views of their class and represent these ideas and views during school council meetings.
- Feedback key issues from these meetings to their class.
- Meet once a month to work on current projects and discuss key issues.