

Tasker Milward VC School Council Policy

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Vision Statement

For all students to be able to contribute towards the continuous improvement of the school community.

Aim

To involve students in helping to create and implement school policies and procedures for the benefit of all.

Guidelines

To achieve these aims the following practices will apply :-

- The Whole School Council and the Year Council will meet half termly to allow representatives from every year group the opportunity to raise issues relating to school life.
- It will also be a forum to debate new initiatives relating to whole school policies.
- Year Group representatives will be encouraged to feed back to their Year Group in assemblies and Tutorials. Form Group representatives will feed back to their forms and collect agenda items for the next half termly meeting.
- The Chair and Secretary will be Senior pupils from the sixth form.
- The minutes will allow the School Leadership Team (SLT) and all staff to be kept fully informed of all matters discussed.
- The School Council will be asked on occasion to debate policies with SLT.

Monitoring and Evaluation

This policy will be monitored by the School Council and School Leadership Team.

Detailed Role of the Council

Our School Council shall function in a consultancy role to SLT and perform such other duties and responsibilities which SLT may from time to time designate.

The School Council when required shall:

1. Work with SLT and give opinion, consistent with school rules, policies and budgets, on policies relating to the curriculum and the learning environment, Eco Schools implementation, Out of Hours Learning and general school amenities and policies (for example uniform, school trips, canteen pricing & food menus and charity events)
2. Develop creative ways to involve parents in the school (for example as helpers on trips or supporting the school with their vocational and professional skills)
3. Develop ways of encouraging business to be involved in our school, through community projects (for example environment, recycling, anti drugs or anti bullying speakers).
4. Serve as the voice for Tasker Milward pupils within the school and within the community (for example setting up a bullying box and peer mentoring to help students in need).

Making Election Speeches

To be voted on the school council you will need to make a speech to your form group and year group in an assembly.

It is important that you understand what you will be able to do if you belong to the council and you must show your ideas clearly to the audience.