

22 September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

## **School Council**

At Broadstone First School, we encourage all pupils to share their views and opinions through a range of different opportunities. Our newly elected School Council will enable elected pupils from Year 1 to Year 4 to have a voice in how the school is run. Our Councillors act as representatives and role models for other pupils which helps to inform staff and influence decision making.

Our main aim is to give all pupils the chance to make changes that genuinely matter to them. To make this happen, 2 councillors from each class will meet with Mr Orbell (Year 4 Class Teacher) every 3 weeks to hold a meeting to discuss ideas, issues and actions for how councillors can make a positive impact in school and within the local community.

To help our learners understand more about how democracy in our country works, we will be electing our councillors through a democratic process. Our learners will be taught in an assembly why the British value of democracy is so important.

Learners who wish to put themselves forward need to use the following form <u>https://forms.office.com/e/HFmRq5kzY6</u> to express an interest by 9am, **Friday 29 September**. These learners will then be asked to give short speeches in front of their class in the week commencing 02 October 2023 as to why they should be elected to the school council. We encourage learners to include in their speeches why they would be an excellent candidate, as well as any ideas they have that will make impactful changes that matter to their class.

Following the speeches, a 'polling day' will take place, with the results announced the following day in our 'Gems Celebration Assembly'.

If you have any queries regarding the above please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher.

Yours faithfully,

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