Spennithorne CE Primary School

School Council Policy

1 Introduction

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Background

The school council is set up each year to allow focused consultation with the pupil body and the dissemination of ideas through the school.

Aims

- To involve pupils fully in the decision-making process in school.
- To model the operation of consultation, democracy and making a positive contribution.
- To link circle time and school practice with pupils' views.

Implementation

- The school council will be selected through democratic elections by each class with one representative from each year group from 1-6. Reception children will be represented either by year 1 children or consulted as appropriate as the year progresses. The school council will then meet, as a minimum, every half term but will meet more frequently when the need arise.
- The initial meeting each year will focus on the achievements of the previous year and any major issues for the school council to consider in the upcoming year.
- The pupil information board will display members of the council.
- Circle time and class councils will provide a forum for feed-in and feedback giving the councillors a short time to feedback immediately to be followed up as the teachers see fit.
- Following each meeting, the secretary will write up the minutes during the meetings and matters discussed are reviewed at the next meeting.
- The agenda for each meeting will be determined by matters brought by the school management and by the pupils themselves through their representatives. The pupil questionnaire will also be used as a stimulus.
- An assigned member of staff will facilitate each meeting unless an issue being led by a particular teacher takes precedence.

Monitoring

Reports will be made to governors as and when appropriate, either by the Headteacher or by the school council themselves.

To be reviewed in line with the agreed school's policy review schedule

Name	Date	Position