



20<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

School Councillors at Ewell Grove Primary School will be committed to improving the school and providing a voice for the children. At the start of October potential candidates will be invited to stand for election (anonymous) by their peers in a similar way to how members of parliament are elected in Great Britain. This involves the candidates giving speeches or presentations about what they will do as a councillor that will benefit the school. These need to be prepared by September 30<sup>th</sup> ready for elections on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> October. All children wishing to be considered for election will be asked to give a talk on what they would promise to do if elected.

We would like you to discuss with your child the following points that link to the British Values we promote at Ewell Grove when deciding to stand or not:

- **Democracy** - What is it and what does it stand for? How does this look in school?
- **The rule of law** - how will you uphold these within school and display these consistently?
- **Mutual respect** - Everyone is entitled to their opinion. How will you ensure the voices of children at Ewell Grove are heard?
- **Liberty** - Children are allowed to make their own choices but everyone is accountable for their actions.
- **Tolerance** - How will you uphold the beliefs of your peers in a controlled and structured way?

If your child would like to stand you can help them prepare their presentation. If they do not wish to stand, please help them to understand the qualities they would like to see in the person they vote for.

Once the elections have been conducted, and candidates have been chosen, the successfully elected councillors will be announced to the whole school during Collective Worship.

School Councillors will be expected to maintain an extremely high standard of work, display exemplary behaviour and uphold the proud traditions and values of our school.

One boy and one girl will be selected from each class across the school. School Council will take part in themed-based activities, including meetings, each half-term.

# British Values

## Tolerance of Different Cultures and Religions

*Together we are one community who care, respect and understand one another.*

Equity  
Equality

## Rule of Law

*We respect the rules of school and laws in society.*

Equity  
Solidarity

## Democracy

*We all have a say.*

Democracy  
Solidarity  
Equality

## Mutual Respect

*We respect others and expect them to show us respect.*

Equity  
Equality  
Solidarity

## Individual Liberty

*We know our human rights and exercise these in school life and beyond.*

Self-help  
Equality  
Self-Responsibility



## Our Co-operative Trust Values link to the British Values:

- Self-Help** - Showing independence by achieving things on your own
- Self-Responsibility** - Being responsible for your own actions
- Democracy** - "Rule by the people" - having the power to take part in decision making
- Equality** - Having the right to be treated the same as everyone else
- Equity** - Having the right to be treated fairly and equally
- Solidarity** - Working with others and sharing support