



HEATHFIELD GOVERNMENT TERMS OF REFERENCE

At Heathfield Primary School the main aim of the Heathfield Government is to give every child a voice. We believe that all voices should be heard, and our Heathfield Government members will represent the voice of their classroom peers.

The Heathfield government is a group of children who have been selected to represent their classes through a **democratic** vote. The Heathfield Government representatives will promote the ideas of their peers in ways in which school life might be improved and they will advocate suggestions to the school leadership team. They will also play an important role in establishing links with the local community and ways in which we can support wider issues such as charity events.

AIMS AND PURPOSES

- To encourage children to get involved in issues that concern them, in and around school.
- To make sure that our school is a safe and happy place to be.
- To encourage all children to have the opportunity to voice their concerns or suggest improvements.
- To make sure that any concerns are listened to and acted upon.
- To make sure that children have a place to voice their opinions and concerns.
- Two children for each KS2 class will be elected
- To establish links with the local community.
- To support current charity events by organising fundraising activities.
- To plan special events or projects in school.

WHAT ARE THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF A HEATHFIELD GOVERNMENT COUNCILLOR?

- To represent their class in Heathfield Government meetings.
- To be an outstanding ambassador for Heathfield Primary School – exemplary behaviour and school uniform.
- To feedback any comments, questions or information from their class to the council during their meetings.
- To be a good role model throughout school.
- To contribute ideas to school council meetings and to listen to other members ideas respectfully.
- At the first Heathfield Government of the school year, the following officers are elected: Chair, Secretary and Treasurer
- At the end of the year, a bullet point list of the achievements/impact of the governing board is published on the newsletter

WHAT DOES THE HEATHFIELD GOVERNMENT DO?

Once elected, the representatives attend regular meetings on a Friday at 2:30pm to set an agenda of ideas or concerns that they would like to discuss. The ideas for discussion may come from the feedback given to each class representative or there may be a set agenda to discuss upcoming school events. The meetings are supported by a members of the leadership team, but the school council are responsible for reporting back to their classes.

