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Dear Parents and Carers,

At Rockmount, we have a very active and enthusiastic School Council which offers a platform for the voice of the children in our school. Hearing and learning about their opinions and views matters a great deal to us. They have a unique insight into the impact of whole school decision making and have a keen eye for the details of the day-to-day running of the school; the small details which can make a big difference.

It is that time of year when we are looking for new members for the School Council team. We would like to thank our previous members for their support and contributions last year that spearheaded initiatives such as reducing food waste in the school and working closely with Pabulum to improve the lunchtime experience. We are now looking for **brand new members from Y1-Y6** which we will hold elections for.

(Please note: if you were elected as school councillor during the previous school year, we are looking to 'pass the torch' to new members)

What is a School Council?

A School Council is a formal group of children within a school who are elected by their peers to represent them and their views. The council aims to enable the children to make a positive contribution to how the school functions. The children's ideas and concerns are listened to and the meetings are recorded and shared with the rest of the school. It is an important and useful way that we can provide leadership and development opportunities for our children.

How are children elected?

At Rockmount, we teach the children about democracy within our PSHE curriculum. To emulate democratic processes, we will be carrying out the voting process fairly and professionally so children understand how to vote and make sure the right person is elected. The children will be encouraged to think about what it would mean to be their class representative and if they would like the role, they will need to prepare a short speech for their class about why they should be voted for. We will then ask each class to decide who they would like to represent them by holding an election.

Who will lead the school council?

Miss Fryman and Miss Carvall, will be leading the School Council this year alongside co-chairs from the Year 6 Leadership Team. Meetings will be held twice every term and the agenda will be decided on with the children. The class representative will then feedback to their class.

Next steps

If your child would like to represent their class and would be confident speaking in front of other children then please support them in preparation for the elections. The elections will take place **during the week commencing 8th July** within your child's class. The successful candidates will be announced the following week.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Fryman and Miss Carvall