

School Council Agenda –

Present at the meeting:

Absent: Phoebe O, Masie S, Albie M, Mrs Morgan, Phoebe L, Betty D, Indie U, Winnie K, Olivia S, Tor D, Georgina F.

1. Opening prayer: - The children observed the prayer respectfully

Heavenly Father, We come to you today asking for your guidance, wisdom, and support as we begin this meeting. Help us engage in meaningful discussion; allow us to grow closer as a group and nurture the bonds of community. Amen.

2. Welcome: What is the school council? – Mrs Morgan explained what the school council was and how it worked. He also explained how agendas and minutes worked.

At Stapleford Primary school, we respect the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance. We ensure the views and opinions of our pupils are expressed and heard. At the beginning of the academic year, the children elect school council members from each year group. All pupils are invited to stand as School Council representatives and are voted for fairly and democratically by their peers. The Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary are then voted for by the elected members of the School Council.

The School Council meets every month to discuss issues raised by the children and ideas to help improve our school even further. The Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary also attend Governing Body meetings throughout the year, to review school improvements and identify areas to develop further in the coming year. We believe our School Council are very effective in helping bring about positive changes in the life of our school.

If pupils have any ideas or suggestions to help improve our school, they are encouraged to raise these with the school council representatives in their class who will bring the suggestions to the next school council meeting.

3. Introductions from all new School Councillors – Each School Council Representative introduced themselves and gave a brief outline of the reason that they wanted to become a member of the school council.

4. Roles and Responsibilities – The children voted for each of the roles below. This was led by Mrs Morgan and was completed discretely and sensitively. The results were accepted well by the children and congratulations were offered to the elected school council members.

i) Election of Chair, - Betty

ii) Vice Chair – Phoebe L

iii) Secretary – Phoebe O

5. School Council Action Plan – What are our key priorities? – the children came up with many suggestions for priorities to tackle through the school council action plan. We will refine these ideas and put them into an action plan before the next meeting. Suggestions included:

- I) School trips
- II) Raising money for the school
- III) Bigger range of clubs (dance, mindfulness colouring)
- IV) More break time equipment, including lights for the shed, bigger shed?, door shuts?
- V) Girls bathroom – mirrors back, undated, counter top or shelves

6. AOB

7. Date of next meeting – 31.1.24