

## **Moreton Primary School**

### **School Parliament Constitution**

#### **Members and their behaviour and attitude**

- The Parliament shall be made up of two representatives from each class.
- A member, once elected will be on the school Parliament for one year.
- Pupils can stand for election as often as they want while they are part of the school
- Members will treat with politeness any visitors to the meeting

#### **Voting and selection procedures**

- All decisions taken at school Parliament meetings shall be by show of hands with votes for and against recorded.
- If a vote is a tie, the chairperson will have the deciding vote.
- The link teacher or headteacher can vote in meetings.
- The chairperson and secretary will be decided by the link teacher, from those who would like to be considered for the role.
- A Member may be voted off the Parliament if their behaviour in school becomes a problem

#### **Structures and procedures at school Parliament meetings**

- School Parliament meetings will be held a minimum of once a fortnight.
- Meetings will only occur when the link teacher or headteacher is present.
- The agenda will be decided in advance by the chairperson, the secretary and others who the chair chooses.
- The Parliament must make sure that all people likely to be affected by a decision are informed first and have a chance to comment.
- Minutes will be taken at every meeting and every decision made will be carefully written down.
- The chairperson is in charge of the meeting and has the right to silence people or remove them from the meeting if they are behaving badly, supported by the link teacher if requested.
- The link teacher or headteacher will have the right to prevent the Parliament discussing any issues that s/he believes they do not have the right to discuss or the power to do anything about.
- The link teacher or headteacher will have the right to prevent the Parliament making a decision that s/he considers is not the responsibility of the Parliament or within its powers to decide.

## **Promoting the School Parliament: giving the school community a voice**

- The School Parliament will have a noticeboard in a prominent place in the school.
- There will be a School Parliament suggestion box in each classroom for children to make comments to their representative.
- There will be a School Parliament suggestion box near the front entrance of the school for anyone, including parents and visitors to the school, to make comments to the School Parliament.

## **Promoting the school Parliament: giving the school community a voice**

- The Parliament will have an account but can only spend money with the agreement of the headteacher.
- All members of the school will be informed of the decision the Parliament has taken. When a member is absent, the Member from the same year group as the absentee will take responsibility for informing the absentee of any decisions made during the meeting they have missed.
- The Parliament fully supports the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and will always try to address issues which threaten or violate these rights.
- The Parliament will have a responsibility to help the school become more environmentally friendly.
- The Parliament will have the responsibility to think of ways to help the local community become a safer, healthier and more peaceful place to live in.
- The Parliament will have the responsibility to make sure that the school buys products from companies that have a good record on human rights and the environment.

The school Parliament constitution will be reviewed annually, after the annual voting for School Parliament members.

Constitution adopted by K.O. Byrne (signed by Link Teacher on behalf of School Parliament)

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