

School Council Oak Hill 2016

Oak Hill's school council is very proud to be part of the new Smart School council model.

Smart school councils involve every child in the school through the use of class councils.

They give each of them training and opportunity to effect change in a democratic way on issues that matter to them.

In doing so they use and develop the skills, knowledge and understanding of everyone in the school, not just a select few.

At Oak Hill we regularly meet as class councils where we discuss a key question and everybody has the opportunity to vote. Key Questions this year have included

- How can we improve play at lunch times in our school?
- How can we encourage safer walking to and from school and safer parking around our school entrance?
- How can we encourage healthy snacks in school?

From this, the children have had opportunities to discuss, put forward ideas and then vote. This information is then fed to a central communications team that is made up of representatives from each class. The information is used to form an action plan which the communication team follow and initiate changes. The communication team shares information with the schools leadership team and governors on a regular basis.

In addition to this, there is also scope at the end of every class council for children to raise their own ideas on school improvement. This can then be converted into a key question for the other classes to respond to throughout school. The gathering, sharing and building of everyone's ideas underpins what our Oak Hill smart school council is about.