



# Scoil San Treasa, Kilshanroe



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## Student Council Policy



## **Role and Purpose of the Student Council**

Scoil San Treasa considers it important that the pupils should play an active, positive role in the life of their school and believes that our Student Council helps our students to achieve this.

The role of the Student Council is to:

- provide an opportunity for pupils to voice their opinions and offer suggestions in relation to many aspects of school life
- discuss issues relevant to our school and encourage and promote initiatives from the pupils
- offer an opportunity for all pupils to voice their opinions on proposed changes and thereby play a significant role in improving our school
- act as a channel of communication within the school organisation between pupils and between home and school
- encourage pupils to organise events central to the life of the school
- provide an opportunity to raise funds for charities or for school funds.

## **The Election Process**

Every September, two representatives from Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Classes will be elected by secret ballot. These representatives will take a seat on the Council for the duration of that academic year. The elected pupils are required to be active participants in the Council, to attend meetings regularly, to participate in activities and to be role models for other students.

## **Procedures**

Members meet once a month in the Computer Room. Council Meetings are facilitated by the postholder with responsibility for the Student Council. Prior to these meetings the Student Council representatives will collect ideas and suggestions from all classes for the agenda.

These agenda items are then discussed. The postholder with responsibility for the Student Council brings the Student Council suggestions to Staff Meetings and sometimes to the Parents' Association Meetings for further deliberation. As well as bringing matters to the Council for discussion, the members are required to report the outcome of meetings to the other classes.

The committee will visit each classroom with this report and will put a notice on the Student Council noticeboard. The report will also be posted on our website.

The Student Council report school news on the Student Council noticeboard. It is hoped that this makes school news more child-orientated and more engaging for the other children.

The Council has an important role to play in the organisation of:

- special occasions
- the presentation of flags, awards and certificates
- the input of students into relevant school policies.

Through our Student Council, we hope to give our pupils a more active role in the organisation of our school and ensure that they are listened to and respected for their ideas and concerns.



### **Discussion Topics and Activities**

Topics for discussion at Student Council meetings may include the following:

- school rules
- behaviour and discipline
- green issues
- health and safety
- health promotion
- active school
- homework
- friendship/ anti-bullying
- lunchtime games and activities
- school uniform
- fundraising
- making the yard a happier place
- school tours

### **Fundraising**

In an effort to give back to the community and the wider world the Student Council will help in the organization of a fundraiser for a chosen charity each year.

This policy was reviewed and ratified by the Board of Management on 02.02.2022

All policies are reviewed in rotation – see the Board of Management Policy Review Calendar.

Signature of the Chairperson

Brendan Holton  
02.02.2022

Signature of Principal

Paul Cassidy  
02.02.2022

