

## Shocklach Oviatt Primary School Council

At Shocklach Oviatt Primary School, our School Council allows our pupils to have a voice and be involved in decisions about the school that affect them. School Council representatives have the opportunity to raise issues, share ideas and take part in discussions that involve all of their classmates. Every year, pupils who wish to be part of the School Council present their election campaign and the other pupils in the school vote in a fair and democratic manner.

The representatives will speak at the council meetings about things that their class have raised, meet with senior staff members, Governors and members of the wider community, organise school events and activities related to agenda items and feedback to the school.

Article 12 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) says that children and young people have the human right to have opinions and for these opinions to matter. Children need to feel able to share their opinions and know that their opinions won't be dismissed because of their age. It says that the opinions of children and young people should be considered when people make decisions about things that involve them, and that children and young people should be given the information they need to make good decisions.

As a Church of England School, our Christian vision is central to all we do. We aim high in our hearts and minds as we blossom in God's garden. "For nothing is impossible with God" (Luke, 1:37) We strive to bring the Gospel to bear in all aspects of school life and policy and this inspires us to live out our Christian values and celebrate life in all its fullness which Jesus offers.