

Constitution of St. Luke's NS Student Council with Effect from January 2023

Mission:

Our student council is a representative structure for all students in our school. Through the student council, students will become involved in the affairs of the school, working in partnership with school management, staff and parents for the benefit of the school and its students. In keeping with 'The National Children's Strategy', the children will be given a voice in matters that affect their lives and they will be provided with opportunities to participate in decision-making.

Aims:

- To give out the student body a 'voice'
- To support students
- To participate in the consultative process
- To plan special events or programmes
- To improve the quality of experience for all children in the school
- To develop leadership skills in the students
- To positively influence decisions made in the school
- To report to the PTA and BOM on issues that are important to the students of the school
- To make contact with local representatives, the Department of Education and other relevant outside agencies on matters of importance to the students of the school, as appropriate

Structure

- The Student Council will be representative of all students in the school.
- Only students can be elected to the Student Council.
- One teacher will work with the Student Council and form the link between the Student Council, the Board of Management and the Parent Teacher Association.
- Elections will be held in September/October each year.
- Elections will be held by Secret Ballot.
- All classes will elect two representatives, one girl and one boy. Children in participating classes will have two votes, one for a boy and one for a girl.
- The counting of votes will be carried out by the teachers of participating classes.
- A pupil may sit on the student council for a maximum period of two terms, over his/her time in St. Luke's NS
- Class meetings will take place the week after the council meeting. Older council members will help younger classes with this.
- Student Council Officers shall be as follows: Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, (Liaison with SEN Classes, if required)
- Any meeting of the Student Council must have a quorum of at least 5 before it is valid
- Minutes of each Student Council meeting duly adopted and signed shall be kept.
- Meetings will be held on the first Friday of the month where possible.

- Meetings are confidential.

This Constitution has been developed by the first Student Council of St. Luke's NS in January 2023.