

Our **British** Values in Action - Democracy

At Headlands Primary School, in support of the idea of democracy, we provide many opportunities for childrens' voices to be heard.

We have an active school council that meets regularly to discuss issues that have been raised by both classes or in response to wider school initiatives and priorities. School councillors are elected by their peers. As part of the process, all children are given the opportunity to understand the role of a school councillor, the responsibilities it demands, and the qualities councillors should have. Each candidate is asked to prepare a short presentation, which they deliver to their class explaining why they want to take on the role and how they hope to do the best that they can for the class.

Children at Headlands Primary School regularly take part in pupil-voice surveys where they are given the opportunity to air their opinions and ideas. This may relate to specific subjects within the curriculum or their health, fitness and mental wellbeing.

Through a focus on our key values of respect and independence, important concepts related to democracy are also considered and addressed. Visits and visitors to the school also help to support children's understanding of democracy e.g. a visit from the local MP.

As part of their topic work, children often take part in debates, where they have the opportunity to share and discuss different points of view on a particular subject.