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Dear Parents/Guardians,

On Wednesday 19 September, the school will be holding its annual election of school councillors. Once elected, the councillors, from years 3 to 6, will attend council meetings to represent views of all children.

Here at Ranvilles Junior School, we feel councillors are vital. School councillors make a real difference in the day-to-day lives of Ranvilles' children. Previous councillors have made landmark changes: such introducing a new rota system for playtime football and it was they who campaigned for the purchase of new fun, colourful play equipment.

The duties of the school councillors include: talking and listening in council meetings, taking part in assemblies to the whole school and working collaboratively to make a difference at Ranvilles Junior School and in our community.

Teachers have spoken to the children about the school council, its role and what they have to do if they wish to represent the class. To be elected children will need to make a persuasive speech to their class members who will then vote for who they wish to represent their class.

We are asking parents to support their children in preparing a speech should they wish to be part of the School Council. Some ideas for what the speech could include are:

- why people should vote for them and not someone else, think about what is special about them
- their values, including how they relate to our 6 school learning values: reflection, creative thinking, challenge, perseverance, cooperation and collaboration and independence
- changes they would make at Ranvilles Junior School to make it an even better place.

Once they have written their speech, they need to practise it so that they are confident to speak in front of the class. The council elections will take place during the school day on Wednesday 19 September.

Please note, this is optional if the children wish to represent their class.

Thank you very much for your support. We look forward to listening the children's speeches on the day.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Amarjit Badeshi

Year 4 Teacher