



School Councils and  
**EVERY CHILD MATTERS**

## EVERY CHILD MATTERS AND SCHOOL COUNCILS OUTCOMES

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| <p><b>Being Healthy</b></p>                  | <p>Developing confidence, communication skills, and being happier as a result of being involved with school and class councils help children develop emotional resilience.</p> <p>Students also help make their peers healthier by improving food in the dining room and promoting sports activities and competitions.</p> |
| <p><b>Staying Safe</b></p>                   | <p>Effective school councils engender peer leadership, openness and awareness. These qualities make schools safer and happier places.</p> <p>Ex-Schools Minister, Stephen Twigg, stated that the most effective anti-bullying schemes were led by students.</p>  |
| <p><b>Enjoying And Achieving</b></p>         | <p>By taking the opportunity to become involved in the school community, essential life skills such as listening, diplomacy, compromise and communication are developed.</p> <p>Effective participation structures in school help raise attainment by improving the learning environment.</p>                              |
| <p><b>Making a Positive Contribution</b></p> | <p>Through school councils, children's belief in their ability to make a difference develops.</p> <p>Life skills learnt through active participation enable students to contribute to their community and wider society.</p>   |
| <p><b>Economic Well Being</b></p>            | <p>Many school councils are given budgets to manage. The responsibility of running a budget helps children develop economic and financial awareness.</p>   |

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