



# Overthorpe C of E Academy

Many decisions in school are voted for democratically by groups of our pupil leaders. For example, children vote for class books, school council hold votes in classes.

Our School Council representatives and leaders write and present a manifesto, before being voted into their place through a democratic class election. They hold democratic votes in classes, for example "Should we have plastic free crackers at Christmas dinner?"

We have met the Mayor!  
Children have visited the Town Hall and toured Dewsbury magistrates Court. The Mayor has visited our School Worship

Our Pupil Voice is extremely important. We consult our pupils on all aspects of school life, from Collective Worship to playground design.

Our school is a polling station and we take the opportunity to speak to pupils about voting.

Our pupils are involved in staff recruitment. Staff being interviewed will lead a lesson or a Collective Worship in front of a panel of pupils, who will share their feedback with Senior Leaders.

Applicants for senior positions are often interviewed by a panel of School Councillors.

Our weekly "Picture News" worship session helps us to learn about important world issues, which are in the news. We have learnt about the General Election and voting in other countries.

Our curriculum encourages children to voice their opinions on key topical issues. They learn to debate and to disagree with respect.

Senior Leaders use pupil surveys and parent surveys to inform whole-school decisions.

Many of our curriculum topics teach our pupils about Democracy and the Democratic System. For example our work about Ancient Greece and the concept of power in history.

**Where Do We Include "Democracy" in our Curriculum?**