

**Why do we need a School Council at Darnhall?**

A school council is a formal group of pupils within a school who are elected by their peers to represent them and their views.

There are many reasons why it is good to have a school council:

* Article 12 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) states that ‘children and young people should have a say in decisions that affect their lives’.
* Our school council provides a meaningful way in which pupils can voice their opinions and have their views taken in to account in decisions which impact upon them.
* It helps to improve many aspects of school life.
* It is an important and useful way that we can provide leadership and development opportunities for our pupils.