



The School Council meet every two weeks to provide our pupil voice: what is going well and what we need to improve!

Last week the School Council asked their classes what new clubs they would like at William Patten. The suggestions are: drawing, more coding, arts and crafts, cricket, gardening, science, origami, self-defence, designing/architecture, sewing, cooking, film, comic, homework, athletics and even a Junior Patten Pages club! Thank for your fabulous ideas. We will look at the timetable and spaces, to see if we can squeeze any more in!

Other questions and suggestions brought to School Council meetings:

Can we have new ping pong balls?

Yes - there is now a box in the first aid area with the bats and lots of extra balls. Can we have a swing in the KS2 playground?

No - it would be too dangerous with so many children in the space at once.

Why don't years 5 and 6 sit on benches in assembly anymore?

Due to COVID we reduced the number of children in the hall for each assembly and this term it reduced even further. We will consider benches if we return to whole key stage assemblies.

Can we have a class pet?

Possibly - this is up to individual teachers. Holiday care is always a concern, especially over the long summer break.

Can we have fans rather than open windows in classrooms?

No – there needs to be good air flow and circulation at the moment due to COVID. That's why we have upper and lower windows open in all classrooms.

Can we get extra-heat blasting radiators?

An additional heater has been put in each classroom.

Are we allowed to wear our jackets in lessons?

We'd prefer you not to so that you have an extra layer to wear when you go outside. Parents have been asked to ensure children are wearing extra layers whilst the school and classrooms are colder during the winter months.

Could we have sorbet on the lunch menu?

Maybe – Elmara is looking into this for you. We'll let you know!

When are we going to paint the gate?

We are not allowed to paint it. Hackney Council installed the gate. They have to follow safety guidelines and it looks similar to other local schools' gates.

Someone in my class asked for Japanese as language of the month. When will it happen?

It's on the list for this year.