WEST LEIGH JUNIOR SCHOOL

School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday 9th November and Friday 13th December 2026	
Agenda Item	**Discussion/Action**
Football on the Playground	Councillors recently discussed the feedback gathered about a possible change to the playground football rota. Following these discussions, we have decided to introduce a two-week trial beginning on Monday 16th November**.** During the trial, only two classes will play football at a time, providing children with more space and opportunities to enjoy the game. Classes are encouraged to check the new rota, which will be displayed both in classrooms and on the playground noticeboard. Fridays will be used as a flexible "bonus session" day. This may be allocated to classes that have missed a scheduled slot due to rain, or to classes that MDAs feel have demonstrated particularly positive teamwork, sportsmanship and behaviour. At the end of the two-week trial, children will be invited to share their views so that councillors can review the feedback and help decide the best way forward.
Use of AI	At a previous meeting, councillors discussed the topic of AI. They were asked to speak with their classes to find out what children know about AI, how they use it, and their views on its impact. The feedback showed that many children use AI to create images or support personal projects. Others said they use it to answer questions, research topics, or help with homework. Some children also raised concerns, suggesting that it could lead to us using our brains less and less and becoming dependent on technology. Following our discussion, we agreed that while AI can be useful when used responsibly, it is important to use it in moderation.
Suggestions	• Somebody suggested introducing a Buddy Bench on the playground for children who may find themselves without someone to play with. Mrs Carr reminded councillors that this had been discussed previously as an agenda item. At that time, it was agreed that, rather than introducing a bench, we would develop the use the Playground Squad and also introduced the Friendship Stop as ways of helping children find someone to play with during lunchtimes. • It has been suggested that we should have class pets. Councillors would like to make this a future agenda item and would like to gather the views of their classmates before the next meeting. What do you think? What are the benefits of having a class pet? Could it help learning? Are there any potential challenges or disadvantages? Please share your thoughts with your class councillor so that they can bring your ideas and opinions to our next School Council meeting. • Some children have suggested having a referee to help make football games on the playground fairer and more enjoyable. Mrs Green is always happy to referee matches when she is on duty, and Mr Aggus is also willing to help when he is outside. If your game would benefit from a referee, simply ask a member of staff and they will do their best to support you.

Meeting Concluded: 12.30pm Date of Next Meeting: Friday 27th November