

# Frequently Asked Questions

## Who can be a member?

Everyone. Mainstream schools, special schools, Post-16 institutions and Pupil Referral Units, independent schools. Membership is completely **free** and there are no obligations.



## How often are meetings?

Meetings are held at a local school, once a term.

## What happens at a meeting?

Each school brings 5-8 pupils from their own school councils. Children contribute their views and ideas on a range of topics; develop their knowledge of SEND; and collaborate with pupils from a range of backgrounds.

## When are the upcoming meetings?



If you would like to come along and observe just yourself, then we are more than happy for you to do so:

Date	Time	Location
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> October 2022	10:30 – 12:00	
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2023	10:30 – 12:00	
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	10:30 – 12:00	

## Why should I get involved?



Our work has already helped to breakdown negative perceptions and improved the confidence of children and young people. In the recent OFSTED report of a participating school, the inspectors praised the council for giving pupils the opportunity to develop their fundamental values and participate in democracy. Being part of the Multi Schools Council also gives children the opportunity to develop their personal and social education.

## How many schools are already involved?



Across Southend & Thurrock we have 26 schools signed up to the multi-school's council as we look to re-launch our engagement in 2022. If your school wishes to get involved and keep updated please email Kierran at [mschoolscouncil@gmail.com](mailto:mschoolscouncil@gmail.com) to sign up!

