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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am excited to share with you that we are in the process of establishing our Junior Leadership Team (JLT) for this academic year. The JLT will provide an exciting opportunity for our pupils to have a voice in the democratic process of school leadership and contribute to shaping the direction of our school.

### **What is the Junior Leadership Team?**

The JLT will meet regularly with myself to discuss ideas and make decisions that will help guide our school's leadership. This team will give students a chance to express their thoughts and represent the views of their peers, fostering leadership skills and encouraging active participation in school life.

### **How will students be selected?**

To ensure that every pupil has an opportunity to be part of the JLT, we will be holding class elections next week. In preparation for this, we encourage you to speak with your child about this exciting opportunity. If your child is interested in becoming a Junior Leader, they will be asked to prepare a short speech outlining why they believe they would be a suitable candidate. Each child who wishes to participate will have the chance to present their speech to their class.

### **The Election Process:**

Following the speeches, the students will take part in a ballot, similar to the voting system used in elections in the UK. They will cast their votes for the classmate they believe is best suited for the role. The candidate with the most votes will be announced and will join our Junior Leadership Team.

### **Next Steps:**

Please encourage your child to start thinking about their speech if they are interested in standing for election. This is a fantastic opportunity for them to develop their public speaking, confidence, and leadership abilities.

We look forward to the start of this new initiative and thank you for your support in helping make this a success.

Best regards,

**Kieran Reynolds**  
**Associate Assistant Headteacher**