



Children's Parliament



Handbook

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'Together we Achieve'



Who Are we



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What do we care about

Transform values children's opinions and leadership. we care about student representatives speaking for their classmates and schools, sharing what matters most to them with children and adults from across all of the Transform family .



What is Transform

Transform is like the superglue holding all your schools together! While we love to celebrate the individuality of each of your schools it is also important that we come together as a family of schools to make sure our children and staff have access to the same opportunities because together we achieve .

Together, we aim to create a unified environment where every child feels valued and supported. We strive to create a sense of community among our staff, parents, and children, encouraging open communication and mutual respect. Through regular meetings, workshops, and events, we aim to build strong relationships that promote a positive and inclusive culture. Each school brings its unique strengths to the table, enriching the Trust and providing diverse learning opportunities for everyone involved.

What are our values

Just like your schools, we have a set of values that we believe everyone should embrace. These values should be integrated into every aspect of our work:

The Transform values are

Kindness, Equity, Respect and Creativity



What is Parliament?

The UK Parliament is a group of people who make important decisions for the country. They create laws and discuss big issues like schools, hospitals, and the environment. The Parliament is made up of MPs from all over the country that have been voted for by people in their area, just like you have in your school. The MPs in Parliament listen to each other about what everyone in the country thinks and try to make choices that help everyone.

Do you know
who your local
MP is?



What is Children's Parliament?

The Transform Children's Parliament is a group of children chosen to represent their school. They share what children in their schools care about with fellow parliament reps and adults from other Transform schools to help make important decisions. They work on projects that help everyone in Transform Trust .



What do we do in parliamentarian meetings

As a parliament we will meet throughout the year. This will happen in person and on Zoom. It is your job to bring the voices of the children in your school to our discussions. You will gather feedback from children in your school through talks and surveys and share it with other parliamentarians. You will also work on projects and get to discuss your ideas with members of the Trust. Sometimes you will have tasks to complete before the meetings.



What do I do as a parliamentarian in my school

Hopefully after our meetings you will have lots of ideas to take back to your school. It is your job to communicate these ideas to everybody in your school.

Being a parliamentarian is about creating big relationships. Think about who you need to work with to be a good parliamentarian.

Do you know who the adult is in your school that will work with you on parliament?



What does it mean to be a leader?

At Transform we believe that everyone can be a leader. A president of the United States of America once said 'If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.' We believe this too!

How can I be a leader?

Leadership doesn't have to be complicated. In fact, we notice that it can be split into three main areas that can be practised. They are like leadership muscles that can get stronger.

FUTURE: Do you know what you and others really care about? Can you imagine how you want things to be better? Can you explain your vision and goals to other people?

ENGAGE: Can you build relationships? Do you recognise that we all bring strengths to a team? Can you motivate others to want to be up to something with you?

DELIVER: Can you make plans? Can you have conversations that mean everyone is clear about what is happening and why? Can you give feedback to other people so they keep getting better?

Leadership is something that can be learned and with it comes confidence to make the most important and exciting things happen.

Children's Parliament is a space where we can all be leaders together.

What will we be up this year

Every year Children's Parliament have a focus. Previously Parliamentarians have looked at Sustainability and Belonging, created the Children's Charter, developed Transform10 introduced Good 2 Be Me day.

This year we will focus on

Belonging through Accessibility

How will you share what you have discussed in our parliament meetings with everyone in school?

Why?

Our aim is to listen to all children in a way that is fair, kind, respectful, and creative, so everyone has a chance to share their ideas and be heard

Every child's opinion is listened to and **RESPECTED**

We use different and **CREATIVE** ways to hear from everyone

It is important to collect children's voices in a way that is fair and **EQUITABLE**

Children should feel safe and encouraged to share their opinions and have them received with **KINDNESS**

Transform10

Transform10 is the activities that we believe every child should have the opportunity to experience before the end of year 6. At Transform, we recognise that schools are about so much more than learning – they are places to build relationships, make memories, try new things, work together and get to know yourself.

T10 was developed by Children's Parliament in 2023/24 to support children to do this. Parliament reps worked with school council members and adults to survey over 2500 children across Transform Trust; this enabled Children's Parliament to find out what activities children thought were important and wanted to experience whilst at school.

The T10 activities and experiences reflect our 'equity' value.

T10

To explore local parks/green spaces

Sleep away from home

Take part in a group activity with an audience/spectators – sport, performance, year group performance

Create something and exhibit it (art, craft, linked to topic, DT, etc.)

Learn to ride a bike

Experience animals farm, petting zoo, safari park, etc.

Visit a museum/ art event / live performance (music, theatre, dance, etc.)

Explore a contrasting environment eg go to the seaside, visit the countryside

Plant, grow, eat

Acts of kindness

Childrens Charter

The children's charter explores the rights and expectations of every Transform Trust child. It was developed in 2022 by Children's Parliament, and focused on how the schools across Transform could deliver the Trust values (equity, respect, kindness and creativity). Children's parliamentarians worked with their school councillors to survey children in their schools, they found out what was really important to them about their schools, and how they could make them even better.

Have you heard
of the
Children's Charter?

This year we will be looking at how
we can develop this further

How can you remind
your school of the
Children's Charter?

Rights and expectations

Our schools will do all they can to help us to read, write and be numerate to the of our potential

Our schools will teach us the full range of subjects we enjoy

Our lessons will be made as fun as possible

To be treated fairly

Our school will value all people equally

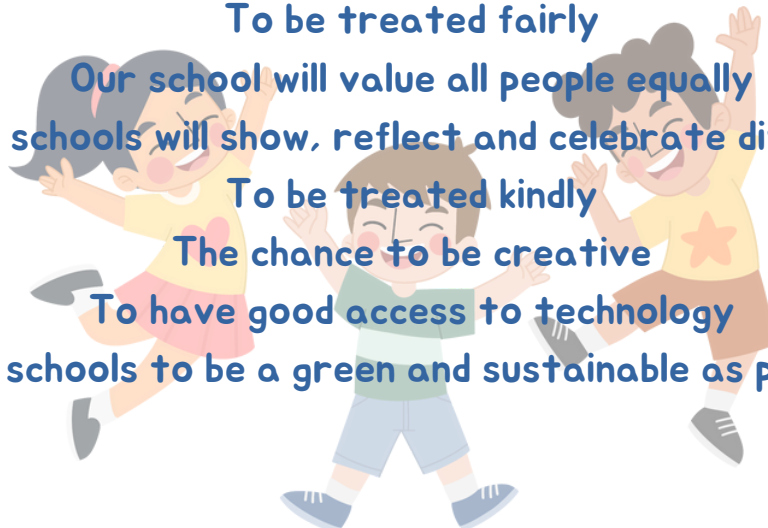
Our schools will show, reflect and celebrate diversity

To be treated kindly

The chance to be creative

To have good access to technology

Our schools to be a green and sustainable as possible



Community Action Week

Community action week is all about supporting the community that supports us. The idea is that as a whole school you get out into your local community and give a little back. In the past, schools have done litter picks on the roads surrounding school, visited local nursing homes, given cards to local residents who have nice gardens or raised money for local charities.



What can we do for you?

Ever year all of the staff that work in the Transform Central team offer their services to schools

We help with a big job or project, or a number of smaller jobs such as clearing, cleaning, painting, digging, planting, sorting; all schools have to do is provide the tools and materials. To be considered schools have to create a bid outlining what it is they would like doing and this is often created by children's parliamentarians.

