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SOUTHAMPTON CHILDREN'S MAYOR

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are very excited to be given the opportunity for our Year 5 children to apply to be Southampton's Children's Mayor! This is a new role which the city council have created, and the appointed candidate will start their duties in September 2022.

What does being the Southampton Children's Mayor entail?

- Attending a full Southampton City Council to read their manifesto to the 48 councillors
- Having the Lord Mayor of Southampton present a certificate at an assembly in school
- Working alongside council teams to try and implement a manifesto
- Accompanying the Lord Mayor on the Remembrance Sunday parade
- Attending a variety of civic functions throughout the year in the official role as Southampton Children's Mayor
- Wearing robes at all high-profile engagements.

How will children apply?

Children from Year 5 in schools across Southampton are asked to think about a low cost/no cost idea that could benefit their school and community. They will need to think of an issue that affects them or their community and come up with an idea to help tackle it. Once entrants have come up with an idea, they complete an entry form within school (teachers will assist with this) and then each school will decide on the strongest application to put forward to the selection process.

What is expected of parents/carers?

The parent/carers of the Southampton Children's Mayor will be asked to support their child to attend all engagements through the year. Parents/carers will be sent details of the engagements and are able to accept or decline any of the engagements.

If parents/carers have any problems with travel arrangements for engagements, they need to inform the Southampton Children's Mayor at the earliest convenience, and we will support where we can.

The Southampton Children's Mayor Team will arrange to meet with the parents/carers following the announcement of the new Children's Mayor to go through all the details and what will happen during their child's term.

We ask that you to talk with your children about this exciting opportunity and encourage them to apply if it is something they are interested in!

We look forward to hearing the children's ideas in school!

Yours sincerely,

Laura Phillips
UKS2 Phase Leader