

## Committees

The school has different committees/forums that offer the children lots of opportunities to get involved in the life of the school. The committees might change depending on what different working parties we have at any one time. However, we always have two specific committees: The Community and Charities Committee; the Pupil Forums.

The aim of the School Committees is to encourage independent learning by involving the children in aspects of decision making with regard to their lives at school. They choose the charities we support, the initiatives in which we get involved and the activities through which they achieve their aims as well as raising issues for development in the school. We feel that it is extremely important that the children have the opportunity to develop a sense of responsibility towards both the school community and the community beyond the school. Having such responsibilities empowers the children and gives them a sense of ownership. It gives them a voice and a sense of achievement, knowing that they have made a contribution to school life and that their ideas and decisions have had a positive impact on the school and the wider community. Through their work in the committees, the children are educating the whole school about a wide variety of charities, issues affecting the environment and the lives of people in our local community and the international community.

The committees cover Byron House and Senior House. The geography of the school makes it difficult for the committees from both sites to meet all of the time, but they do come together to discuss issues affecting the school as a whole.

