

## School Council meeting 12/09/2017 – 2.30pm

Present – Staff- Miss Appleton, Mrs Jones, Mrs Tolley, Mr Maine

Students- Grace, Meghan, Sean P, Courtney W, Danyal, Zafran, Adam

### Purpose of meeting

#### When is holding hands appropriate during the school day?

As this was the first time that the newly elected school council had met we began the meeting by introducing ourselves. It was explained that the school council would meet on a weekly basis to discuss matters regarding school and to make decisions about these matters.

During the summer term a few students had taken to holding hands with each other around school, so my question to the school council was 'do you think we should hold hands at school?' A couple of the members looked horrified at the prospect and immediately said NO. After discussing this further it became apparent that all members agreed that holding hands whilst in school was not appropriate.

I then asked why they didn't think it was appropriate. After much discussion about what we came to school to do – learn, members stated that if you are holding hands then you are unable to concentrate fully. If you are unable to concentrate then you are unable to learn properly and this is the reason they have decided that it is not appropriate to hold hands whilst at school.

A member stated that she had held friends with her peer that morning whilst at college. She stated that as it was an unfamiliar environment she didn't want her peer to fall over, and she was trying to help her. This led to further discussion about how we should all be safe and help others to stay safe.

It was decided that although holding hands whilst in school is not appropriate, if you are doing it to help a peer or to keep them safe then that is ok. Students were to share what we had discussed and decided with their class groups when the meeting finished.

Meeting closed 2.52pm