



4<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am excited to be in the process of forming our Student Council for this year and we are all looking forward to a fabulous year of listening to children's views, improving our school environment and raising money for charity.

I am pleased to tell you that council voted last year to support the national charity *Jeans for Genes* which supports families with children who are affected by genetic disorders. We have 25 000 genes in our bodies - and it only takes a fault in one to cause a genetic disorder. 1 in 25 children in the UK are born with a faulty gene.

We have decided again this year (with the agreement of the *Jeans for Genes* charity) to split the money we raise between two charities; **Jeans for Genes** and **forbenandsam** the local charity set up to support our friends Ben and Sam who are living with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.

We are aware that the official *Jeans for Genes* day isn't until week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> September, but we have decided to go ahead with our fundraising day on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September. We are asking that children (and adults!) come to school in their jeans for the day instead of their school trousers or skirt - cool or what?! Polo shirts and sweatshirts or cardigans etc. should still be worn. In return, we ask for a small donation towards the charities we are supporting. I hope you agree that this is a really worthwhile cause.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation and support in all of our Student Council endeavours.

Mrs Maxine Anderson  
Student Council Co-ordinator