



Nottingham
City Council



Primary Parliament 2023/24



"The PP helps with developing children's ability to express themselves verbally with high levels of eloquence"

School staff attending in 2022

Primary Parliamentarians working together to share ideas, listen to each other and create presentations

What is Primary Parliament?

Primary Parliament is a termly opportunity for pupil representatives from primary schools across Nottingham City to come together and have their voices heard. Pupils explore a wide range of global and local issues that matter to them and to their futures and their creativity and ideas are facilitated by cultural and educational organisations, researchers and specialists. Primary Parliament is all about children's voices and the utmost emphasis is placed on collaboration, creativity and communication.

A partnership project between Ignite! and Nottingham City Council, Primary Parliament takes place over two days each term, with schools invited to bring four KS2 pupils to the Nottingham Council House. Since 2020, Primary Parliament has included an online bespoke morning for children attending special schools in addition to their attendance at the Council House.

Each term pupils take on a different theme: Autumn is 'Learning and Earning', Spring is 'Safe, Positive & Smart Communities' and Summer is 'Healthy, Creative You'. Over the past few years, children have shared their ideas on COP26, The Census, Welcoming Refugees, Transport Policy and Nottingham as a Child Friendly City.

Our key aims for Primary Parliament are:

- Develop children's confidence, communication skills and creativity
- Develop children's interest, understanding and engagement with the world around them, structures of power and information and decision making
- Create a forum for local organisations to listen to children's views and ideas



Primary Parliamentarians share their views and ideas with elected representatives from Nottingham City Council

What is Primary Parliament's impact?

Running since 2015, Primary Parliament has engaged thousands of children and regularly engages 26 primary schools per term.

Feedback from teachers tells us that Primary Parliament's impact includes:

- Raising pupils' confidence and communication skills
- Supporting secondary-school readiness
- Developing team-working and creative thinking skills
- Supporting Global citizenship and British values
- Giving staff ideas for leading the School Council
- Connecting with the community and linking with experts

Quotes from School Staff

"It gives children the confidence to have a voice and it encourages them to speak out when they feel something is wrong/want to get their point of view across."

"The children thought about wider issues affecting our City and had opportunities to discuss and work with children from other schools that they did not know which helped develop their confidence."

"It gives an opportunity to our children to be part of something meaningful and beyond their immediate neighbourhood. They can use and develop skills such as creativity, teamwork and leadership in a different setting than school and working together with children they don't know. This also helps with their confidence and raising their aspirations."



"It gives the school council a purpose and self worth when they produce a whole school assembly to describe the day"

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Primary Parliament takes place at the Nottingham Council House, lending a sense of civic grandeur to the occasion

Details for 2023/24

Autumn Term

Learning & Earning - Outdoor Learning

Tuesday 26 & Wednesday 27 September 2023 at the Council House

Thursday 28 2023 Online

Spring Term

Safe, Positive & Smart Communities

Tuesday 26 & Wednesday 27 March 2024 at the Council House

Thursday 28 2024 Online

Summer Term

Healthy & Creative You

Tuesday 25 & Wednesday 26 June 2024 at the Council House

Thursday 27 2024 Online

Please register your school via the form [here](#). We will do our best to accommodate your first choice date.

For the 2023/24 Academic Year, there will continue to be no charge to schools participating in Primary Parliament. This is due to the team securing funding from ChalleNGe and Nottingham City Council Child Friendly Cities.

We may need to charge schools to participate from the 2024/25 Academic Year and will do all we can to keep these costs as low as possible.



A key element of Primary Parliament is always the mixed-school creative presentations at the end of the day

Find out more

You can read more about the 2022/23 series of Primary Parliament by reading the blogs on the [Ignite! website](#).

Watch our [video](#) from the Summer Term 2022 Primary Parliament.

Register your interest for 2023/24 via [this form](#).



Read the blogs



Watch the video



Register for 2023/24

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