



Waterton Academy Trust
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Children's Parliament Meeting Minutes

DATE: 25th June 2026

TIME: 1:30pm-2:30pm

LOCATION: ONLINE

Present

Parliament SLT:	Prime Minister: Scarlett-Olivia (CTA)	Deputy: Isaac (WRA)	Speaker: Scarlett (SCS)
Chair	Dave Dickinson, Waterton Academy Trust		
Attending:	Amy-Grace (MP) from Ackworth Mill Dam School Representative from Altofts Junior Academy Vera (MP) from Cherry Tree Academy Jax (MP) from Churchfield Primary School Ruby (MP) from Crofton Infants' School Representative from Jump Primary School Dylan (MP) from King's Meadow Academy Aleksandra (MP) from Kings Oak Primary Olivia (MP) from Lee Brigg Infant & Nursery Jaxon (MP) from Newstead Academy Violet (MP) from Normanton Common Primary Academy Evie (MP) from Normanton Junior Academy Sophie (MP) from Sharlston Community School Georgie (MP) from South Kirkby Academy William (MP) from Walton Primary Academy Chase (MP) from West End Academy Toby (MP) from Wrenthorpe Academy		
Special Guest:			
Clerk:	Bethany Martin		
Apologies:			

ITEM		ACTION
1.	WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES	
	Mr Dickinson welcomed all representatives to the meeting and thanked everyone for attending online given the hot weather. No apologies were received from SCS and WRA.	
2.	MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING	

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Mr Dickinson read out each action from the previous meeting to ensure all actions had been completed before the meeting started. All representatives agreed these actions were met and were happy to proceed with the meeting. ACTION: Send representatives the Caterlink response to Children's Parliament questions regarding Caterlink.	Clerk
3. BUDDY BENCHES	
Miss Martin asked if any schools already have a buddy bench and if they could explain what it is and how they use it, for the children at Kings Oak Primary (KOP), Jump Primary Academy (JPA) and Altofts Junior Academy (AJA). Olivia at Lee Brigg Infants School (LBIS) explained to fellow MPs how buddy benches are placed in their playgrounds to help children find friends and feel included at playtime. All Children's Parliament (CP) representatives agreed that KOP, JPA, AJA should all receive a new buddy bench for their playground. VOTE: KOP, JPA, AJA to receive buddy bench ACTION: Arrange 3 new buddy benches with Estates	Clerk
4. NEW PARLIAMENT	
Mr Dickinson explained that there will be a new structure for Children's Parliament meetings next year. Because there are too many schools to bring together for face-to-face meetings, he has suggested that there will be seven MPs at each meeting. Each child will be from a different school. Children who would like to be considered for one of these roles will need to write a letter explaining why they would like to be an MP. Children across the Trust will then be able to read the letters and vote for the people they would like to represent them. Schools that do not have a representative attending the meetings will be provided with the full meeting minutes to share with their School Councils. To make sure the voting is fair, children will not be allowed to vote for someone from their own school. Clerk explains that information of elections will be distributed at the beginning of September 2026.	
5. SPORTS AWARDS & SPORTS LEAGUES	
Mr Dickinson provided a brief overview of the Sports Awards, explaining how the sporting activities and competitions in which pupils had participated throughout the year contributed to the awards presented at the event. As Mr Bean was unable to attend the meeting, no further information or detail was available at this time.	
6. INTRODUCTORY TOUR	
Mr Dickinson provided an overview of the introductory assembly tour led by the PM, DPM and PS. As part of the tour, the Children's Parliament Senior Leaders visited Kings Oak Primary, Altofts Junior Academy and Jump Primary Academy to	

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introduce pupils to Waterton's Children's Parliament. During the assemblies, they explained the purpose of the initiative and how pupils' voices help to inform and influence the Trust's decision-making throughout the year.	
7. REFLECTION OF ACHIEVEMENTS	
Mr Dickinson acknowledged the significant achievements of the Children's Parliament over the past year, highlighting their successful leadership in commissioning and delivering a number of well-established Trust-wide events, including Waterton Has Stars, Waterton Young Chef and MATlympics. He also recognised the fundraising initiatives taking place across the schools to support the charities selected by the Children's Parliament, commending members for their commitment to making a positive impact within the wider community.	
8. A.O.B	
Representatives had no other business to discuss.	
9. THANK YOU TO CHILDREN'S PARLIAMENT REPRESENTATIVES	
Mr Dickinson expressed his sincere thanks to all members of Waterton's Children's Parliament for their hard work, commitment and dedication throughout the year. He also wished them every success and the very best for the forthcoming academic year.	
MEETING ENDED: 1:57pm	

Actions Table		
ACTON 1	Clerk to send representatives the Caterlink response to Children's Parliament questions regarding Caterlink.	Clerk
ACTON 2	Arrange 3 new buddy benches with Estates	Clerk
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