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## BPA Citizens Strategy - Updates

Dear Families,

Over the last two terms we have been busy collating feedback and suggestions from our families, children and staff on how to further develop citizenship and community at Begbrook. We would like to share with you some exciting updates regarding our work on our BPA Citizens strategy!

### Pupil community groups

For the past few years, Key Stage 2 children at Begbrook have had the opportunity to be voted into the pupil voice committee and the eco committee by their peers. This term we have broadened our offer to include three brand new pupil groups, an EAL group, an inclusion group and a Health and Safety group! To involve as many children as possible in these groups, we asked any children who wanted to take part to write a short application letter to the grown-ups supporting each group. For now, these groups are open to children in Key Stage 2 but an important part of their work will be to communicate with our Early Years and Key Stage One children and ensure their views are heard. We were able to accept everyone who applied and we are so excited to have more children involved in shaping different aspects of school life!



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**Begbrook Houses**

At Begbrook we are lucky to have such a large school community, with over 550 children and 80 members of staff! To help us develop cross age-range communities outside of our year groups and classes, we will be introducing four school houses. Some of you will be familiar with this from last year's sports days and we hope to embed this even further give children the opportunity to...

- Spend more time with children outside of their year group
- Play with older and younger children during termly house together times
- Get to know different grown ups across our school community
- Take part in friendly inter house competitions
- Earn house points and celebrate our successes within our house communities

This term, all Begbrook children and staff will be sorted into four houses. They will stay in this house throughout their time at Begbrook, with siblings in the same houses to encourage families to get fully involved too! In our houses we will a coat of arms, and thinking about within our house communities.



then be choosing our house names, designing activities we might like to enjoy together

We look forward to keeping you updated on this work and thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards,

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