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Dear Colleague,

Leeds Children's Mayor - Citizenship, Democracy and Change

This coming Autumn term, Leeds City Council will be running the eleventh year of our hugely successful 'Leeds Children's Mayor' programme for Year 6 pupils. It gives children a chance to learn how democracy works and the role they can play in both shaping and improving their communities.

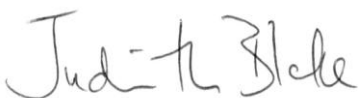
The programme is a valuable opportunity to strengthen children's understanding of their local council and councillors and to share their views on how we can all work together to make Leeds a more child friendly city.

As leaders of the three main political groups on Leeds City Council we want to encourage schools and your pupils to take part. It is a fantastic opportunity to teach about citizenship and the power of democracy. The winner is invited to be on stage with the celebrities at the Leeds Christmas lights switch on and will be supported throughout their year in office by council officers who will help turn their winning manifesto into reality. In addition, they will be invited to a range of exciting civic functions and events.

For your school, we aim to provide practical support throughout to help you participate. We encourage ward councillors to contact schools and respond to any additional requests for visits or information. If your school's entrant is elected as the next Children's Mayor there are many opportunities for positive publicity as well as for the Lord Mayor to come to your school to do an assembly.

Enclosed with this letter is more information about the plans for this year's Leeds Children's Mayor and we very much hope that your school will agree to take part.

Yours sincerely



Cllr Judith Blake
Leader of Council and
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Cllr Andrew Carter CBE
Leader of the
Conservative Group



Cllr Stewart Golton
Leader of the
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