



29th September 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am excited to have formed 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 has passed, but we have decided to go ahead with our fundraising day on Friday 6th October. 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 and I know that our families will do us proud. I also know that as parents/carers we like to know in advance when our wallets will be raided by our generous offspring - so would like to take the opportunity to advise you that we will also be supporting *Children in Need* in November!

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

Mrs Maxine Anderson
Student Council Co-ordinator