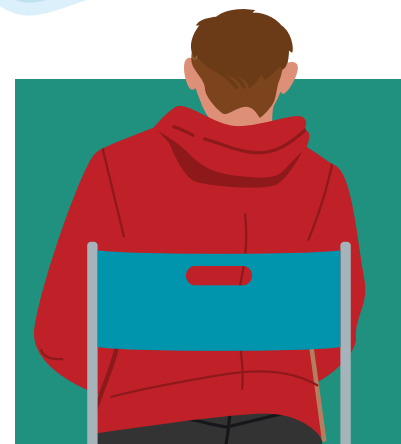


School Council Network Feedback Report

2024 - 2025 (School Term)



School Council Network

The School Council Network brings together students from primary and secondary school councils across Jersey.

The network allows students to meet and learn from each other and have a voice in Government policies and decision making.

Students are supported by the Participation and Engagement team, from the Department for Children, Young People, Education and Skills, as well as School Council teachers.

The School Council Network has a new webpage on the Government website: gov.je/SchoolCouncilNetwork

This year's priorities chosen by the School Council Network students from the Children, Young People and Families Plan are:

- more places to play
- affordable or free activities
- cheaper food and housing.



Students from the School Council Network meet at the Great Hall in Highlands College



In January 2025, the School Council Network held a question-and-answer session, with the Ministers for Children and Families and Education and Lifelong Learning, in the Great Hall Highlands College.

More than **200** questions were asked, on Slido.

The majority of questions focused on play, activities and things to do in Jersey, which are the top priorities of the School Council Network.

They also wanted to know more about the Ministers and what was the best and worst part of their jobs.



Some of the questions asked at the event

Play parks and activities

- Are you going to make more swimming pools?
- Could we look at having a younger child's part in the Skate Park?
- What are your plans for children in 2025?
- Why is Amazing Maze shutting down?
- Are you guys and girls going to add more attractions to Jersey?
- Will there be enjoyable activities for older children (14-16) in the future?
- Is it possible for St John's to have a new park?
- Why are popular activities shutting down?
- Do you think you can add some more swimming lessons?
- Can we make things more eco-friendly?
- Is there a possibility for more spaces for teenagers and young adults not just younger children?
- Will there be any specific children's activities for older children (10-15yr olds) this year?
- Is Jersey going to get more activities for kids aged 10-16?
- Will you improve more parks such as the pink elephant park?
- Are you adding a sense of nature to parks?
- Are you going to make more skateboarding places?
- Are going to make more swimming pools?
- What are you doing to create more opportunities for people of the ages 10-18?
- What do you think about our sports facilities in schools and around the island.
- Will there be exciting changes to other parks in the future?
- Are you going to put anything on the grass at millennium park?
- Why do we have so many car parks?
- How can you make children engage in their learning?
- Is the skatepark in St Ouen ever going to actually happen or open?
- Please can you keep the Amazing Maze for another year because it is amazing?
- Could there be more outside activities?
- Could you add more fun things to Jump Jersey?
- How can we create safe spaces throughout town which are accepted for all age groups? Either separated or for each age group?

Fort Regent and the Waterfront

- Will there be long-term improvements to the Waterfront, like Cineworld and Aqua Splash?
- Are you going to knock the cinema down to make more flats?
- Why are you getting rid of Aqua Splash and the buildings by it. Where would all of those buildings go?
- Is Fort Regent pool going to be made into anything?
- Will you be improving what is available at Fort Regent?
- Could we have something like go karting?
- My granny tells me about how amazing Fort Regent used to be, with shows, swimming pools, and a fair. Why isn't it like that now?
- Is there going to be a mall at Fort Regent?
- If Fort Regent is redone, what will happen to the clubs?
- What are the current plans for Fort Regent? Will there be any benefits for young people?
- Are you going to knock down Aqua Splash to put plants instead?
- What are you going to do with Aqua Splash?
- Regarding the new ideas for the Waterfront what is the use of removing an already existing pool space to replace it with something which is not always useable?



Economy

- Can we improve the McDonald's in town because it is very small?
- Can we have more shoe shops it's hard to find some?
- Could you please provide information on the reasons behind Burger King's shutdown?
- What overall improvements will you make to enhance the Island?
- Will we be getting more large food establishments in Jersey?
- What are your thoughts about cheaper and more housing facilities?
- What opportunities do parents have for good jobs?
- What are the plans for the hospital and when will we see these changes?
- Can we get a Starbucks or a Nando's?
- Do you think that food prices are correct in schools around the Island?

Health and Wellbeing

- Do you think TikTok should be banned as it is not appropriate for young people?
- What are you going to do to make sure students don't vape in schools?
- What strategies will you implement to cease vaping?
- Why is healthy eating so important?

Buses

- Can there be buses just for primary schools to make them more kid friendly?
- Shouldn't we improve the bus system? Compared to the number 1 bus, there is only one number 2 bus that runs every hour.
- Are there going to be more school bus that take the same bus routes?

Minister's Jobs

- How many meetings have you been to in 2024?
- What will be happening in Jersey in the future do you know what will happen?
- How many celebrity's have you met in your job?
- How long does it take to do the things you need to do?
- What is challenging about your job?
- What are your main goals for 2025?
- What do you find hardest about your job?

School Life

- Why do we have to wear school uniforms?
- It could be fun to express ourselves!
- You can feel you belong in a school without a uniform.
- The school uniforms are quite expensive
- When is Rouge Bouillon (School) getting a new building?
- Can you ask Jersey Government to add more comfortable PE kits?
- Should we have more lunch time in school?
- Will school lunch's - while also being healthy - be able to be cheaper as some of our food is very expensive?

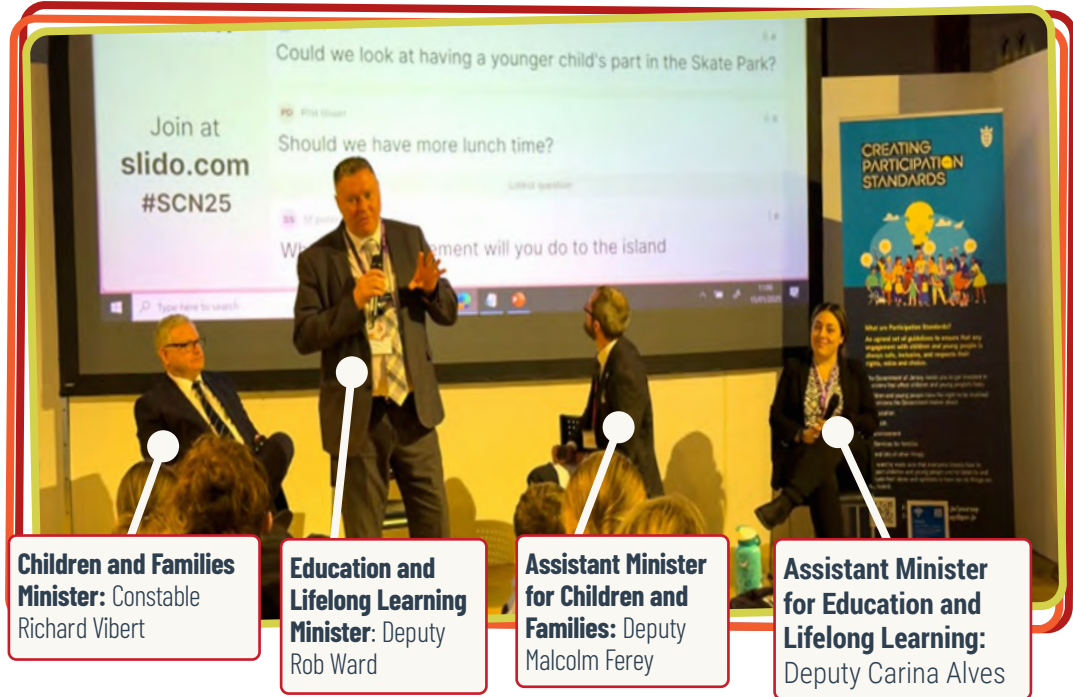


Secondary school council students present what they have achieved in their own schools during an activity to share learning with each other.

Ministers responded

Ministers responded by speaking about their roles as well as answering many of the questions around play and activities such as:

- Having a new Children, Young People and Families Plan so they can have the best life possible as well as thanking students for helping to create the plan.
- A new Play plan for Jersey
- Upgrading many of the play parks and thanking students for their views and helping to shape the new designs for Millenium Town Park playground.
- Plans for the Waterfront to build a new outdoor pool and a children's water play area as well as keeping the cinema but looking at what size Jersey needs.
- Plans for Fort Regent which would be announced around Easter but could mean a new skatepark and play area.
- Ministers thanked the students for their involvement and for helping to shape the Youth Friendly Government Budget, which they said helped to show that the Government is listening to their feedback.



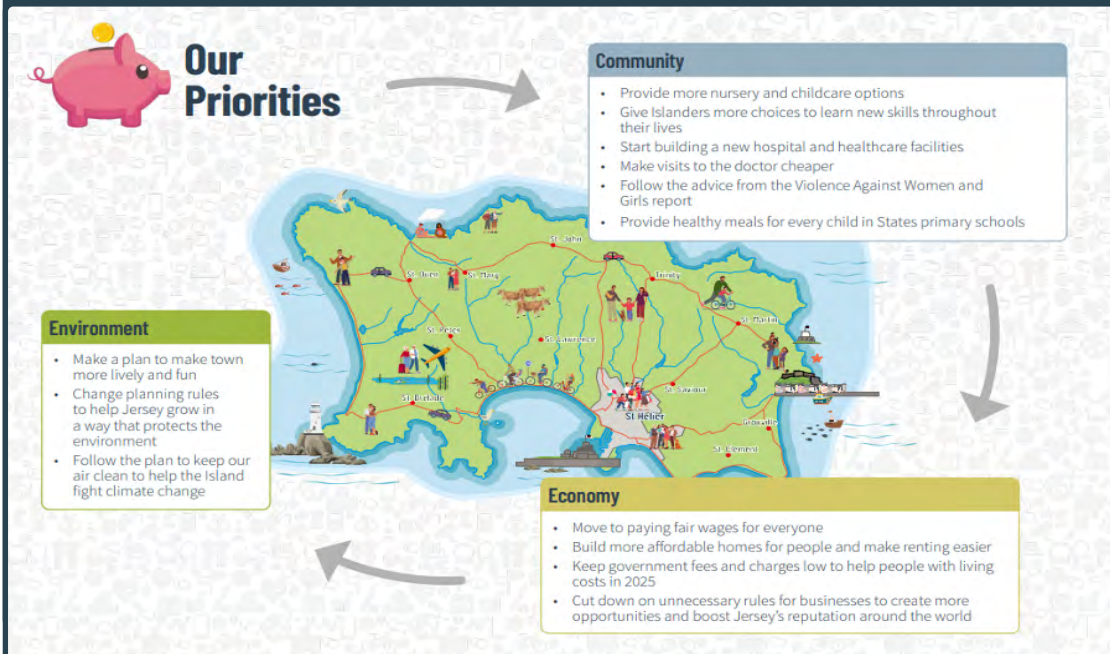
Children and Families Minister: Constable Richard Vibert

Education and Lifelong Learning Minister: Deputy Rob Ward

Assistant Minister for Children and Families: Deputy Malcolm Ferey

Assistant Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning: Deputy Carina Alves

Government of Jersey's Youth Friendly Budget



More than
100
primary school students and
50
secondary school students
asked the Ministers more than
200
questions.



Feedback from Government's Executive Leadership Team

As part of Jersey's Participation Standards when engaging with children and young people, it is important the School Council Network receive feedback on how their views are making a difference in Government decision making.

Feedback from children and young people from Jersey Children's Day, as well as the School Council Network, have been shared with the Children's Outcomes Executive Committee, which is made up of Ministers, as well as directly to the Government's Executive Leadership Team.



Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Andrew McLaughlin, (pictured) visited the School Council Network, in January.

Chief Executive Officer

- ➔ Helps Ministers to see what is important to children and young people.
- ➔ Makes sure the public's money is being saved and spent properly.

Children, Young People, Education and Skills

- ➔ We make sure the voices of children and young people are heard.
- ➔ We support all students in our nurseries, schools and colleges and children in care and those leaving care to have the best life possible.
- ➔ Make nutritious school meals available in all States primary schools and extend nursery and childcare provision.

Cabinet Office

- ➔ Help families to buy a home under the £10 million First Step Homes.
- ➔ Makes sure homes are being built with green spaces and play areas.

Customer and Local Services

- ➔ Helps to provide financial support to families and to access safe homes healthcare and further education and jobs.

Economy

- ➔ We provide free Student Bus Pass.
- ➔ Learn to Swim Classes KS2.
- ➔ Learn to Ride Bikes KS2.

External Relations

- ➔ We provide opportunities for students to take part in learning about different countries and how they work.

Justice and Home Affairs

- ➔ We are building a Safer Society through the school education programme.
- ➔ Our police and fire officers support Children's Day.
- ➔ Keeping children and families safe.

Infrastructure and Housing

- ➔ We are building a new Oakfield Sport Centre.
- ➔ Upgrading play parks including Springfield, Millenium and Les Quennevais and extended Coronation Park.
- ➔ Monitor food and housing safety rules.
- ➔ Building new schools and a town youth centre.

Health and Community Services

- ➔ We offer children and students free doctors.
- ➔ Free dentist to primary schools.
- ➔ We are supporting new hospital facilities to be built.