



£500 Challenge

Audience: pupils.

Time: 1 Hour.

Number of people: School Council or Whole Class.

Resources: A4 paper, catalogues of school equipment, scissors, glue.

Purpose: to help the school council decide what to spend their budget on.



Adaptations for pupils with additional needs.

This activity is suitable for additional needs pupils, with appropriate help and guidance from staff.

- Divide into groups of 5/6.
- Each group will take on the role of the School Council.
- Imagine the governors have given the school council £500, but they cannot have the money until they present the governing body with their ideas for spending it.
- Give each group paper, some catalogues and access to the internet to find out the cost of items.
- Ask each group to decide how they would like to spend the £500. Encourage them to be realistic. They can use it to raise more money, or to buy things for the school. Give then 20 minutes to complete this task.
- Each group now has to give a 'report' to the governors (the rest of the group), explaining how the money will be spent.
- "Governors" will raise issues and if they agree then they will release the money.
- Pupils now have to plan their projects. The facilitator can present 'problems' such as a flood in the canteen or lots of windows being broken, and ask the pupils to re-think their plans in the light of this new information.