



## Athersley South Primary School

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Dear Parents / Carers,

We are starting Debating Club afterschool on Monday 11th November 2024 until 4.20pm. It will be open for all children in Years 5 and 6 and will run every Monday until the Christmas holidays.

The club will encourage children to think about a wide range of events and concepts critically, such as school (non-uniform vs. uniform, should the schooling age be lowered etc.), society (cats vs dogs, issues surrounding the cost of living crisis etc.) and government (laws, the role of the government, government powers etc.).

Children will be taught the respectful language and behaviour used in debates as well as how to research facts used to agree or disagree with a point made.

This is a fantastic opportunity for children to increase their confidence in public speaking, critical thinking skills and compromise, organise information as well as understand the workings of the government and how choices made in parliament affect those around the country.

Please complete the online form below before 3.15, 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

Just a reminder that ALL children must be collected at the end of the club, for safety reasons, due to the darker evenings.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Scholes

<https://forms.office.com/e/NCB7bqX5Q0>