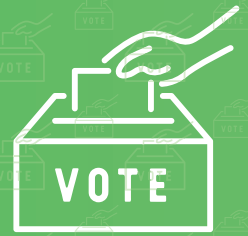


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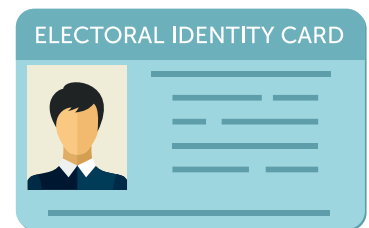
Activity Overview

This activity may be used to extend the Design a Political Party activity or completed independently. The following guidelines and associated templates can be used to run a class election.

Activity Instructions

Registration and Poll Card

Eligibility to vote depends on being on the Electoral Register. Simulate this by printing a list of all the young people in your class and asking each person to sign the Electoral Register (See **Resource 1**) before they can receive their poll card (See **Resource 2**).



Encourage your pupils to present their poll cards at the class polling station to receive their ballot papers (See **Resource 3**). A poll card is not required to vote, although it speeds up the process on election day. You must simply be on the Electoral Register and present photographic ID at the polling station to be able to vote.

Show your class how easy it is to register to vote by visiting www.gov.uk/register-to-vote

The Campaign

Divide your class into political parties. If they completed the Design a Political Party activity, use the parties they created.

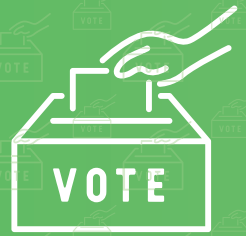
Nominate one person from each party to stand for election. Ask each party to design an election poster and encourage the candidates to make speeches with the aim of securing votes from their classmates.

Election Day

The most straightforward method is to use the general election voting system: First Past the Post. The candidate with the most votes wins. Add the candidates' names and parties to the ballot paper templates provided and ask your pupils to put an X beside the name of their preferred candidate. In a departure from reality, and to make the result more exciting for your class, you could disallow voting for your own party. Ask your pupils to place their ballot papers in a box before counting them. It is important to stress that although it is healthy to discuss who you may consider voting for, the process can be undertaken completely anonymously.



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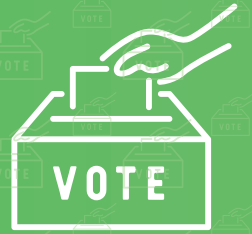


Resource 1: Electoral Register

If you do not register you will not be able to vote.

Name	Signature

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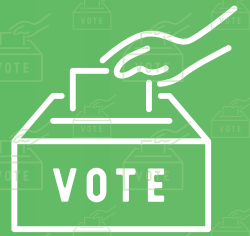


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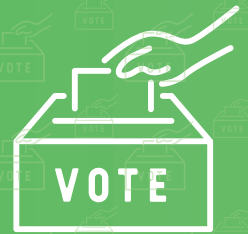


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Resource 2: Poll Card

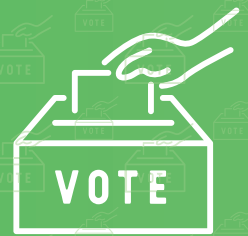
You receive a poll card when your details have been added to the Electoral Register.

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Resource 3: Ballot Paper

Place an X next to the candidate you would like to elect.

Placing an X next to more than one candidate will make your vote invalid.

When you're ready, fold your ballot paper in half and head over to the ballot box to submit your vote.

Name of Candidate	Party	