Voting Information

Why is voting important?

Voting gives you the chance to choose who will run the country.

The people who win the election will make decisions about things that affect your life, like social care, transport, healthcare and housing.

How to register to vote

If you want to vote in the election, you have to register first.

You can do this online at:
https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote

or

If you can't do this online, you can print a paper form.

Ask someone you trust to help you print and fill out the form. Then you can send it in the post.
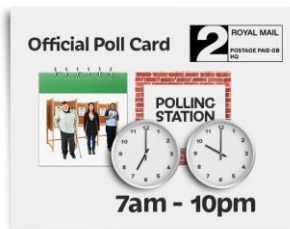
How to vote in an election

There are 3 ways to vote. When you register to vote, the form will ask you which option you prefer.

1. Polling Station

To vote at the polling station, you have to go there in-person on election day.

You will get a polling card in the post, which tells you where your polling station is.

At the polling station, you will be given a voting form to fill out and then put into the ballot box.

There should be someone at the polling station to show you what to do.

2. Postal Vote

If you have chosen a postal vote, you will get a ballot paper in the post. You need to fill it out and send it back.

3) Voting by Proxy

Proxy means you choose a person you trust to vote for you, if you are unable to vote for some reason.

To choose this option, you will have to fill out a form.

You can do this online at:
https://www.gov.uk/apply-proxy-vote

or

If you can't do this online, you can print a paper form.

Ask someone you trust to help you print and fill out the form. Then you can send it in the post to the Electoral Registration Office.

What to take to the polling station on the day

You need to take a type of ID, to prove who you are. It must have a photo of you on it.

Here are examples of ID to take:

- Passport

- Driving licence

- Blue Badge

- Disabled Person's Bus Pass

- Older Person's Bus Pass

If you don't have any of these, ask someone to help you find out what else you could take instead.