



PSHE Knowledge Organiser

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What is a democracy?

The Government

All registered voters can vote in the constituency where they live. They can vote for a range of candidates from different political parties. The one which is elected becomes a Member of Parliament (MP) to represent the local area.

The party which has the most MPs elected becomes the Government and the leader of the party with the most MPs usually becomes the Prime Minister (PM).

Parliament has two houses – the House of Lords and the House of Commons. MPs sit in the House of Commons in Westminster where they debate and vote on bills which become law when they are signed by the monarch.

The PM has a team of ministers known as the cabinet which meet regularly and help him or her decide policies to debate in Parliament.

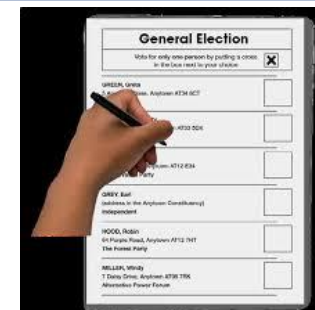


What is a democracy?

The United Kingdom is a democracy. This word comes from two Greek words meaning 'people power'. A democracy is a system of government which involves all the citizens sharing power, usually through voting in various types of election.

What is a General Election?

A general election is when the voters of the country cast their votes to elect Members of Parliament (MPs) to the House of Commons. This should happen at least every 5 years.



The role of an MP

The job of an MP is to represent their constituents (Local area) in UK Parliament. MPs either debate or ask questions in the House of Commons or they work in smaller groups known as committees. They will split their time between working in Westminster and the local area. Lydiard Park Academy is in the Swindon South constituency.

Further help and advice

If you would like to know more about Parliament:

<https://www.parliament.uk/about/>

If you would like to know more about the British Youth Parliament:

<https://www.byc.org.uk/uk/uk-youth-parliament>