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3rd June 2024



On Thursday 4th July 2024
there is a General Election to
choose a new Government



In Spreading the News
this month we have put
together all the things we
told you earlier in the year
about voting



You might like to ask
someone you trust to
read it together



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Getting started ... some of the questions you might have



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1. Why should I Vote?



We should all think about Voting because we are Self Advocates and make our own choices and decisions



- Choices such as what clothes to wear ...



- Decisions such as what to have for dinner ...



- Big choices and decisions such as where to live



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So we should be making a **very big** decision ...



- Such as who we want as our MP in Parliament



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2. How do I know I can vote?



- You can vote if you are 18 years of age, or older



- You can vote if I have registered to vote



- My disability does not stop me from voting



3. How do I register to Vote?



Before you can Vote ...

... your name must be on the Electoral Register



You can put your name on the Electoral Register by using the Government Register to Vote link ...



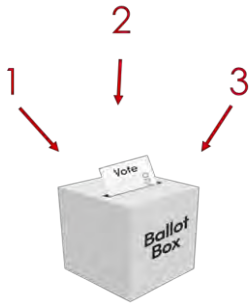
[Register to vote - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)



You might want to ask someone you trust to help
It is not in Easy Read

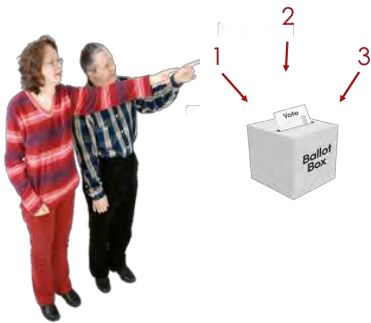


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4. How do I Vote

There are 3 different ways you can Vote



You can choose whichever way is best for you ...



1. Vote in person ...
on the day



2. Vote by post ...
before the day



3. Vote by Proxy
this means ...
telling someone else
how to Vote for you



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5. Is there anything else I need to know?



To Vote in person ... on the day
You must take Photo ID with you

These are some of the Photo ID
you can use ...



- Older Person's Bus Pass
- Disabled Person's Bus Pass
- Passport
- Driving Licence



You can see a full list of the
Photo ID you can use on
this link



[Accepted forms of photo ID | Electoral Commission](#)



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If you do not have any of these
Photo ID ...



You can apply for ...
a Voter Authority Certificate



Use this link to get your
Voter Authority Certificate

[Apply for photo ID to vote \(called a 'Voter Authority Certificate'\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)



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Ok ... now you know
about getting ready
to Vote



In the next section of
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we are going to tell you...



How to Vote



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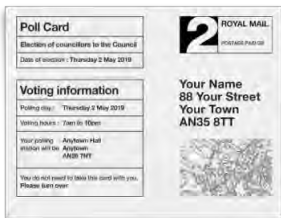
This means asking someone else to Vote for you



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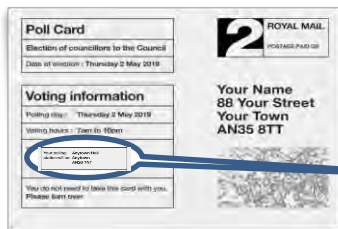
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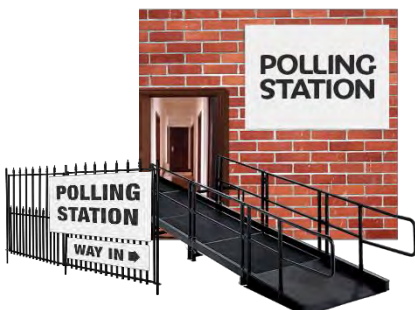
- You will have been sent a Voting Card, which is also called a Poll Card, through the post



- Take this and your Voter Photo ID along to your Polling Station



- The Polling Station where you can Vote is shown on your Polling Card



- Your Polling Station is usually a local school or a local community centre



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- The person behind the desk will ask for your name and give you a Voting Slip



- Take the Voting Slip and go into one of the Voting Booths



- You can take a friend or support worker with you if you want



- Vote by putting **One X** only in the box of your choice



- Now put your Voting Slip into the Ballot Box ...

It's as easy as that



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- Just one more thing to know ...



7am to 10pm

- The Polling Stations are open on the day from 7 o'clock in the morning until 10 o'clock at night





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2. Vote by Post before the day



- If you are unable to go, or do not want to go, to the Polling Station to Vote on the day ...

... you can choose to Vote, before the day, by Post



- To Vote by Post you must register at ...



[Register to vote by post if you're living in the UK - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)



You might want to ask someone you trust to help



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- Your Voting Slip, and an envelope to return your Vote, will be sent to you before the Voting Day



- Vote by putting **One X** only in the box of your choice on the Voting Slip



- To make sure your Vote is counted you should post it back so that it will arrive before the actual Voting Day – 4th July 2024



3. Vote by Proxy

This means asking someone else to Vote for you

You can ask someone you trust to Vote as your Proxy if ...



- You know you will be away on Voting Day, for example ... on holiday
- You are registered as an Overseas Voter
- You having a medical problem or disability that prevents you from Voting in person
- You are unable to Vote in Person because of your work or because you are on military service



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Voting by Proxy



The most important thing ...



- The person you trust to be your Proxy



- **MUST** vote for the person you say



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Two more very important things ...



- Registering to Vote in the General Election on 4th July 2024



- You must be registered by midnight on Tuesday 18th June 2024



click Register to vote at ...
www.gov.uk/register-to-vote



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And finally ...
Very Important



- Decide who you want to Vote for



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You can also find all the information you need to know about voting ...



...on the My Vote My Voice website www.myvotemyvoice.org.uk

It is all in Easy read



Look on the My Vote My Voice website with someone you trust

click



... click the link

<https://www.myvotemyvoice.org.uk/>