



Citizenship

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Our Citizenship units are based around statutory guidance and there is a national curriculum for Key Stage 3 and 4. We will help young people to become active citizens with an understanding of the society we live in and prepare them for their future.

There are a number of main threads, such as how our country is led and governed; personal finances; active citizenship; rights and responsibilities and the law; police and courts.

Key Features in Citizenship

- **Rights:** Things people are legally allowed to have or do.
- Example: It is a human right to have free education. Employment rights are mostly a result of trade unions.

- Responsibilities: Duties people are expected to carry out.
- Example: Citizens are expected to obey the law of the country they are in. Students follow the school rules.

- Laws: Rules made by Parliament that everyone must follow.
- Example: It's a law to wear a seatbelt in a car.

- Democracy: A system where people vote to choose leaders or make decisions.
- Example: General Elections in the UK let people choose the Member of Parliament (MP) that represents them.

- Parliament: The group that makes laws for the UK. It is made up of the House of Commons, House of Lords and the monarchy.
- Example: MPs debate and vote on new laws in the House of Commons.

- Government: The people who run the country (this can be split into national and local levels in the UK).
- Example: The Prime Minister leads the national government, councils run local services.

- Monarchy: A royal family with a king or queen as head of state..
- Example: King Charles III carries out ceremonial duties and plays role in holding Government to account.

- Ballots: During elections we vote using a ballot. This is a system to allow confidential voting.
- Example: Voters put an 'X' on a ballot paper.

- Budgets: A plan for how money will be spent
- Example: The government sets a budget for schools and hospitals.

Why is it important?

- Citizenship is important because it helps people understand their rights and responsibilities in society. It encourages active participation in democracy, promoting fairness, respect and community involvement.