

# What Is Democracy?



# Who Rules Britain?



The Queen?



The People?



The Police?



The Army?

# What Does Democracy Mean?

We have a system of government called **democracy**.

Democracy means '**rule by the people**'. It comes from the Greek words **Dêmos**, which means people, and **krátos** which means **rule or strength**.

This is because the idea of democracy developed in **Greece** in about 507BC



# What Does Democracy Mean?

We hold an **election** to choose someone to **represent** us.

Most **candidates** who 'stand' for election belong to a political party – a group of people who share similar beliefs.

On the next slide we will find out who some of the parties and their leaders are.



# Main Political Party Leaders



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**Theresa May**  
**Conservatives**



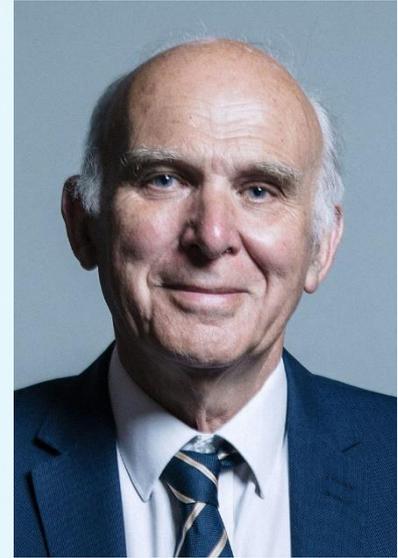
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**Jeremy Corbyn**  
**Labour**



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**Nicola Sturgeon**  
**SNP**



**Sir Vince Cable**  
**Liberal Democrats**



# Voting

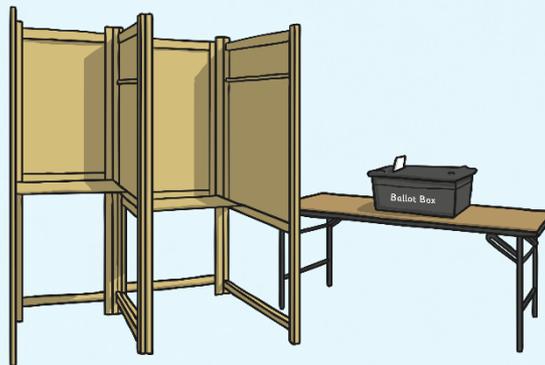
Every citizen should listen to the views of the different parties and candidates, and then make his or her own decision on whom to support.

People must be 18 or over in order to take part in an election.

Each person (voter) **votes** ('casts a ballot') for the candidate of his or her choice. S/he does this by putting a cross beside the person's name on the ballot paper.

People cast their ballots in a booth so that no one can see who they are voting for. This is called 'secret ballot'.

At the end of the election day the votes are added up and the candidate with the highest number of votes (the **majority**) is declared the winner.



# Why Do You Think Voting Is Necessary?

Do you think 18 is the right ages to allow people to vote? Why?

If not, what age do you think people should be allowed to vote?

| VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE ONLY |   |   |  |
|-----------------------------|---|---|--|
| 1                           | <b>KHAYUM</b><br>Adil Khayum<br>79 Firs Hill Road, Sheffield<br>S5 6HY<br>Labour Party Candidate            | <br><b>Labour</b>              |  |
| 2                           | <b>MACK</b><br>Joan Dorothy Mack<br>134 Lydgate Lane, Crookes, Sheffield<br>S10 4LD<br>Green Party          | <br><b>Green Party</b>         |  |
| 3                           | <b>FROST</b><br>Tom Frost<br>301 Burnt Stones Drive, Sheffield<br>S10 6FF<br>Liberal Democrat               | <br><b>LIBERAL DEMOCRATS</b> |  |
| 4                           | <b>HOYES</b><br>Sean Hoyes<br>45 Western Road, Sheffield<br>S10 7BN<br>The Conservative Party Candidate     | <br><b>Conservatives</b>     |  |
| 5                           | <b>HAYWARD</b><br>Rita Haywood<br>78b Woodhead Way, Sheffield<br>S10 2KL<br>UK Independence Party (U.K.I.P) | <br><b>UKIP</b>              |  |

# Our MP and Councillors

- Our MP for this area is Ed Miliband
- Our councillors for Doncaster Council are Pat Haith and Kevin Rodgers



# How is Rosedale a democracy?

- School council
- Debates and discussions – assembly, circle time, philosophy
- Questionnaires about your opinions
  
- Could we get involved in our democracy more by writing to MPs and councillors? What could we write about?

# Children and Democracy

## **What can you do?**

Stand as a candidate and vote in your school council election.

**Lobby** your councillor and/or MP about local and national issues.

Find out about your rights and responsibilities.

Learn to see the difference between choices that affect you personally and those that affect others.

Improve your skills: for example public speaking.

Keep informed. Watch and read the news regularly.