

Children's

Parliament

David Amess

Sir David Amess



Hi, I'm Dot!
Giving children a voice on
topics that matter
through Dot Com.

School Toolkit for Teachers and Leaders



Every Voice
Counts. Every
Child Matters.



**Pupil Voice &
Participation**



**Safeguarding &
Wellbeing**



**Curriculum
Aligned Learning
(RSE/PSHE)**

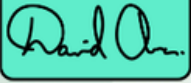


**School Councils &
National
Representation**



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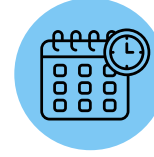
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Ready-to-use documents, certificates, ballot papers, and supporting resources.



This toolkit is interactive!

Look out for clickable buttons and links throughout this document.





Introduction & Vision

Welcome to the Children's Parliament Toolkit

This toolkit has been created to help primary schools empower children to have a real voice in democracy.

Inspired by the life and legacy of Sir David Amess, the Children's Parliament gives children the opportunity to learn about Parliament, debate real issues and take part in meaningful democratic processes.

Our vision is a future where every child feels safe, confident and empowered to speak up, be heard and help shape decisions that affect their world.

In this section

- Welcome to the toolkit
- Scoping & vision document



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Give children the skills and opportunity to participate fully in democratic process.

Sir David Amess

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QUICK TIPS

Take time to explore the vision and how it can inspire your whole school community.



Watch: Sir David Amess Vision Video



The Children's Parliament Model

How it works

The Children's Parliament mirrors the UK Parliament, giving children a real role in debate, decision-making and representation.

Children elect MP's, sit on committees, take part in debates and votes, and share their views on issues that matter.

Adults support, safeguard and supervise while children lead participation and debate.



Watch an information video on 'What is Parliament'

In this section

- School council structure
- Elections
- National representation
- Commons proposal
- Mace tour overview



Find out more

See how the model is making a difference.



Visit our website:

<https://childrensparliament.uk/>



Children's Parliament Education Programme with Dot Com

Learning that builds confidence

Our programme links to the Dot Com scheme of work and supports core curriculum areas including RSE/PSHE, British Values, oracy and confidence.

Children build confidence, understand their rights and learn to express views respectfully, safely and responsibly.

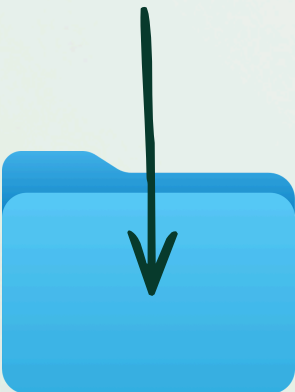
In this section

- British values
- Oracy
- Confidence Building
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- RSE/PSHE alignment



British Values

Democracy in action



Oracy

Building strong speaking and listening skills



Confidence

Building self-belief and self-esteem



RSE/PSHE

Age-appropriate learning that supports life skills

Explore resources

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Go to the Dot Com Resource Hub





Safeguarding & Participation

Keeping children safe and supported

Safeguarding and child wellbeing sit at the heart of everything we do. This section helps you create a safe environment where every child feels confident to take part.

Use our guidance, templates and safer practices to ensure participation is safe, inclusive, respectful and empowering.

In this section

- Safeguarding Policy and Procedure
- Release forms
- Filming guidance
- Media guidance
- Online & image safety



Safeguarding Policy and Procedure

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How to Hold a Children's Parliament Election

Step by Step guide

Safe, inclusive elections are a key part of Children's Parliament. This section guides you through the whole process, from planning to announcing your new MPs.



Watch - Newsround:- Schools run their own election

In this section

- How to hold an election
- Example election day
- Election ballot paper



Election of the Members of Parliament for the Children's Parliament

Children's Parliament

Vote for **two candidates** by putting a cross X in the box next to your two choices.

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Running Your School Campaign

Supporting your candidates

Help children create confident, respectful and positive campaigns and speeches. This section includes everything you need to support candidates and involve your whole school.

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- Children's Parliament emails
- Candidate guidance
- Speech prep
- Acceptance speech
- Voting process



Children's Parliament emails to parents

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Swearing-In & Parliament Traditions

Ceremony and tradition

Introduce children to Parliament traditions and their role as respectful, responsible young representatives.

Includes oaths, certificates and what the mace and traditions mean.

In this section

- Child MP Oath
- What the mace means
- Swearing in process
- Role of Parliament traditions
- Register your MP's



Watch an information video on 'An Introduction to Parliament'



Oath

I swear by Almighty God that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King Charles, his heirs and successors, according to law. So help me God.

Solemn Affirmation

I [SAY YOUR NAME HERE] do solemnly, sincerely and truly declare and affirm, that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King Charles, his heirs and successors, according to law.

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Importance of Mace and Swearing in of MP's



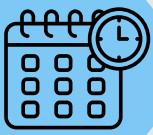
Register your MP's

Once your MP's have been elected - register them here.



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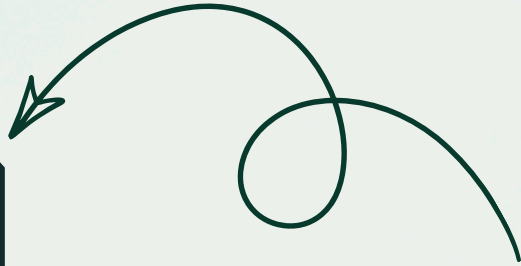
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Event Planning & Running Orders

Plan a successful event

Use our running orders and planning tips to deliver safe, engaging and well-supported Children's Parliament events.

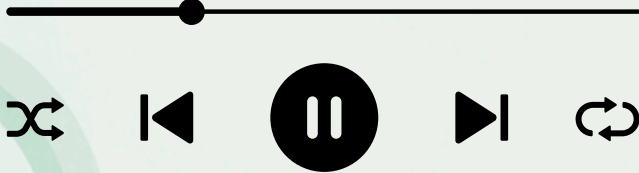


Example Running Orders

In this section

- Sample running orders
- Creating a running order
- What the event should include etc
- Democracy Song and Lyrics

Democracy Song



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Media, PR & Community Engagement

Share your story

Celebrate pupil voice safely. This section helps schools promote events safely, involve communities responsibly and celebrate pupil voice respectfully.

VIP invitation



In this section

- Press release
- VIP invitation
- Headteacher email
- Inviting MP's
- Involving local press
- Community engagement
- Safer media guidance

Click for a sample press release

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CHILDREN'S PM: GIVING KIDS A VOICE
 The Children's Parliament brings together primary school-aged children from across Great Britain to debate on important topics, and to engage young people in politics. They have debated on topics such as sustainability, climate change, making the world a safer place, drinking water and online safety. In their most recent session, they covered the topic of democracy. You can read more here from Children's Parliament Press Release Clerk.

by Clark Dearson
 My name is Clark Dearson, and I'm the Press Minister of the UK Children's Parliament. It was created by the late Sir David Amess MP, and gives kids between 7 and 11 a chance to explore and experience the world of government and politics. At our most recent meeting, we discussed why democracy matters. Children from across the country shared their opinions on this, putting across some excellent points. Rob Gould, a documentary filmmaker who worked for BBC, debated about the dangers to democracy, such as politicians (politicians who claim to represent ordinary people) manipulating people using social media, and why it's so important that the main political system stays. My main takeaway was that it gives people a balance between freedom and protection, with the upcoming general election, to really like to see.

The Great Get Together
 The Great Get Together is a family friendly event that's part of East Bank's summer programme of activities. The day featured creative activities and sports at the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. This year they celebrated the ten-year anniversary of the event, and Zariyah gives us the scoop on the day!

by Zariyah, age 10
 The Great Get Together here like the best day ever! When we first arrived I thought of a picnic, blankets and sugary sandwiches type of afternoon, but instead there were many by the thousands of the Breaker! Convention takeover on the main stage headlining (which sounds as that).

Right next to the stage, there was some 'happi' could not while people danced and laughed together. My favourite part was designing my own badge and a flower made from tissue paper with V&A food, and playing lots of games with M&S Sports, like air hockey.

I wish every day was like the Great Get Together, making fun, food, music, and lots of love. Please come back next year!

THIS WEEK'S POLL!
 We asked 1,631 of you: Do you know the name of your MP (Member of Parliament)?

43% of you (693) said YES
 57% of you (938) said NO

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!
 Vote at firstnews.com

SHOUT-OUT!
 THIS WEEK WE'RE GIVING SHOUT-OUTS TO: Rupa from Alford Primary School, Lynch Hill Enterprise Company, Thomas's Pathway, Harford Grammar School, Grosvenor, Brookfield Primary School, Arts and Media School, Brighton, Croydon.

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Templates & Resources

Ready to use documents

Templates, forms and resources to support safe, inclusive and meaningful participation.

In this section

- Ballot papers
- Certificates
- Democracy Song



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Click below to play our Democracy song



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Democracy Song Lyrics



Ready to use documents

Children love to choose,
They choose throughout the day,
They vote for games, they vote for books,
They vote the fairer way.

They put their hands up high,
And share their voices too,
They listen well, take turns to speak,
And learn what they can do.

Fairness helps us grow,
Kindness leads the way,
Democracy is learned through play,
In every game each day.

When children learn to choose,
And choose throughout the day
Their world could be a kinder place
In every single way

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