



# VOTESFORSCHOOLS PARENT & CARER INFORMATION

*VotesforSchools is a weekly current affairs-based voting platform designed to engage young people in political and social issues. Through weekly discussion and voting, not only are voters learning about the world around them, but they are also becoming active citizens and preparing for participating in our democratic processes as adults.*

*Below are some great ways for you to get involved in the conversation!*

## **1 CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE**

At 4PM every Friday, our latest VoteTopic goes live! Check out our website - [www.votesforschools.com](http://www.votesforschools.com) - to see what our voters will be debating in the coming school week.

## **2 DISCUSS THE TOPIC AT HOME**

Ask your child to give arguments for each side of the debate to encourage critical thinking – our weekly Home Information Sheet can help you with this. If you're not sure where to find it, please ask a member of staff at your school to share it with you!

## 3 DISCUSS THE RESULTS

When the new VoteTopic is available, the results of the previous topic will be too! Why not ask your child how they voted and why?

## 4 BRUSH UP ON YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Read up on any topics your child is discussing or have discussed to see what your take on it is. For more sensitive topics, we also provide a list of useful resources and organisations where you or your child can find out more or seek support.

## 5 SHARE YOUR IDEAS

Talk to your child about which issues they would like to see discussed at VotesforSchools. You can let us know their thoughts, or encourage them to reach out to us.

## 6 WANT TO KNOW MORE?

If you would like to know more about what we do, you can email us [secondary@votesforschools.com](mailto:secondary@votesforschools.com), or visit our website [www.votesforschools.com](http://www.votesforschools.com).



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