

# VOTING AT A POLLING STATION

## 1. Getting ready to vote



I am going to the polling station to vote. Voting helps choose who makes decisions for my community. I can bring my poll card and ID.

## 2. Arriving at the polling station

When I arrive, I will look for the sign that says **Polling Station**. This tells me I am in the right place. There may be other people arriving too.



## 3. Waiting and speaking to staff



I may need to wait in a short queue. This is ok. When it is my turn, I go to a desk. The staff will be friendly and helpful.

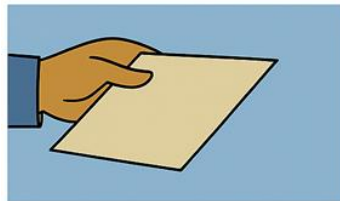
I tell them my name and address and show them my ID.

**If I need help at any time, I can ask the staff.**

## 4. Receiving my ballot paper

The staff will give me a ballot paper.

This paper shows the names of people I can vote for.



Sometimes there may be more than one ballot paper if more than one election happens at the same time.

## 5. Going to the voting booth



I go to a private voting booth so no one can see my vote.

I can take my time.

## 6. Making my choice

I use the provided pencil to make one clear **X** in the box next to my choice.



Sometimes I can vote for more than one person.

Instructions are written at the top of the ballot paper.

If I don't understand something, I can ask the staff for help with the instructions. They can't tell me who to vote for.

## 7. Putting my ballot paper in the ballot box



When I am finished, I fold my ballot paper so my vote stays private.

I take my ballot paper to the ballot box. I put it safely inside the box.

## 8. Finishing my vote

I leave the polling station. I have taken part in an important decision.

Voting helps my voice be heard.

I can feel proud of myself.

