



## Key Knowledge

## A Diverse Nation

We are lucky to live in a **diverse society** created from people of many **ethnicities**, **faiths**, cultures and backgrounds. In a **diverse society**, it is important to show respect to others, whether they are similar to or different from ourselves. We can show respect by smiling and being friendly to others and asking questions to learn more. We all have a **responsibility** to make sure the rights of people around us and around the world are met.



## Our Community

Our communities are made up of people who share some similarities. These may be where they live, where they work, or something they share. It is very important to respect the differences between people in our communities as well. There are many ways we can contribute to our **community** and help to make it a happy, safe place for everyone. We can do this by respecting and embracing the differences between us, standing up for equality, showing kindness, consideration and helping others and thinking of their needs as well as our own. This way, we can share the **responsibility** to make sure everyone in our **community** has their rights respected and receives equal opportunity.

## Key Vocabulary

community

A group of people who live or work together in the same place, or have a shared interest or experience.

**ethnicity**

Shared culture, customs, language or beliefs.

faith

A strong belief in something.  
To follow a religion.

## identity

Special things about us that contribute to who we are. This could include our name, family, culture, interests, hobbies and the way we choose to express ourselves.

democracy

The belief that there is freedom and equality between all people and they should have a say in the way they are governed.

diverse society

A society which is made up of many different types of people.

## responsibility

Tasks that we do to contribute or things we are in charge of.

**prejudice**

Having an opinion without reason or experience to justify it.

discrimination

Unfair treatment of a person or group based on who they are, where they are from or how they choose to live their life.

## stereotyping

Assuming someone will behave in a certain way because of a certain characteristic. This could be based on the way they look, the way they speak, where they come from or their gender.

## British Laws

British laws are the rules by which society works. People keep the rules to help our communities and people within them stay happy and safe. British laws are made in parliament at Westminster and some are also discussed in the National Assembly for Wales, Scottish parliament and the Northern Ireland Assembly. Some laws apply in the whole of the United Kingdom, while others only apply to one, two or three of the countries. People who live in the Channel Islands are British citizens and the British parliament has the power to make laws for the Channel Islands but Acts of Parliament do not automatically extend to them as, for the most part, they make their own laws.

**local  
government**

The organisation of politicians who are in charge of running the town or city. These politicians are voted for and elected.

**national  
government**

The group of politicians who make decisions about how the country should be run. These politicians are voted for and elected.

**charity**

An organisation which provides help and raises money for those in need.

**voluntary  
organisation**

An organisation formed of a group of people who volunteer to help a cause without being paid.

## Local Government

**Local governments** look after our communities by providing in areas such as education, transport, waste collection, recycling facilities and **community** centres. Within this, they help to ensure everyone has equal opportunities and access to everything they need and that people's human rights are met and protected. We all have a **responsibility** to make sure no one suffers **discrimination** or **prejudice**, so they can live safely and happily in successful communities.

## National Government

The **national government** is made up of the cabinet and the prime minister. They are elected to make important decisions about how the country works and enable us to live happy and successful lives. It is their job to make sure our human rights are met and that we can live without **prejudice** or **discrimination**.



## Community Support

**Charities** and **voluntary organisations** work to make a positive contribution to our communities. They help people who are in need, as well as providing a purpose for those who would like to get involved and make a difference. **Charities** and volunteer groups work very hard to improve things for those who need help.



## Key Learning Point: Active, Responsible Citizenship

By making positive contributions to our society, we are being active, responsible citizens. This means we respect people around us and promote and protect the human rights of everyone by ensuring we all have equal access to what we need to live safe, happy and fulfilling lives.

To look at all the planning resources linked to the **UKS2 Diverse Britain** unit, [click here](#).