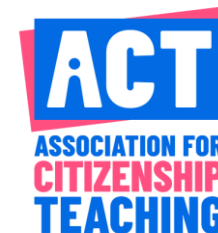


# Key Stage 3 Citizenship Model Curriculum Overview

Mapped to the National Curriculum for Citizenship in England, and [ACT's 9 Principles of Effective Citizenship Education](#), this sequenced model curriculum takes students through all the required content in **12 units of work**. Each unit contains **six detailed lesson plans, slide sets with pupil tasks** and all accompanying resources, ensuring that even teachers new to citizenship will be supported and guided through the pedagogy. The materials are fully resourced and adaptable to support both new-to-citizenship and established teachers.

Through the study of Citizenship, students are taught substantive knowledge in relation to politics, parliament, power and the law, as well as human rights, justice, equality, finance and the economy, communities and the UK's role in the wider world.



Y	Unit titles	Last updated	National Curriculum teaching requirements: Subject content						National Curriculum teaching requirements: Skills				National Curriculum Citizenship teaching requirements: Subject content
			1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B	C	D	
7	What role can I play in making our school a fairer place?	Sept 2023			✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	1. The development of the political system of democratic government in the United Kingdom, including the roles of citizens, Parliament and the monarch. 2. The operation of Parliament, including voting and elections, and the role of political parties. 3. The precious liberties enjoyed by the citizens of the United Kingdom 4. The nature of rules and laws and the justice system, including the role of the police and the operation of courts and tribunals.
	How can we be informed consumers?	Dec 2023			✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	How do laws affect us?	July 2024				✓				✓			
	Who runs the United Kingdom?	Nov 2023	✓	✓						✓			
8	Who has the power to bring about change in our local communities?	July 2023			✓	✓				✓		✓	5. The roles played by public institutions and voluntary groups in society, and the ways in which citizens work together to improve their communities. 6. The functions and uses of money, the importance and practice of budgeting, and managing risk.
	Why is the local economy important to society?	Jan 2024			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Does the criminal justice system serve everyone fairly?	Nov 2024			✓	✓				✓			
	How can political decisions impact the health of our society?	Sept 2024		✓			✓	✓		✓			
9	Community volunteers or social media influencers – who has most power and influence?	Sept 2023				✓			✓	✓		✓	National Curriculum Citizenship teaching requirements: Skills A. Research, interrogate and weigh up evidence B. Debate and evaluate viewpoints C. Present reasoned arguments D. Plan, take and evaluate active citizenship
	How well is justice served through the criminal justice system?	March 2025			✓				✓	✓			
	Fraud is the biggest crime in society – what can we do about it?	April 2023					✓	✓					
	Are elections the best way to decide who runs the country?	Jan 2024	✓	✓					✓	✓	✓		

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## Lesson titles

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		1	2	3	4	5	6
7	<b>What role can I play in making our school a fairer place?</b>	How important are our rights in school?	How does our class charter compare with our school behaviour policy?	Who has power in our school community?	How can I become a rights investigator?	How can we raise awareness of fairness issues we've found?	How can we present our findings about fairness to those in power?
	<b>How can we be informed consumers?</b>	What factors influence how we choose to spend our money?	Is sustainability an important issue for consumers?	How can we be sustainable shoppers?	What's the connection between clothes and human rights?	Why is child labour an important issue for consumers?	How can we raise awareness about being an informed consumer?
	<b>How do laws affect us?</b>	Why do we have laws?	What is the Rule of Law?	What is the impact of the law on individuals?	Why do laws change over time?	How does the Equality Act 2010 affect law in the UK?	How does law affect young people?
	<b>Who runs the United Kingdom?</b>	What is Parliament?	What's the difference between government and Parliament?	How are our leaders elected?	Does the Westminster Parliament hold all of the power in the UK? (Part 1)	Does the Westminster Parliament hold all of the power in the UK? (Part 2)	Who runs the United Kingdom?
8	<b>Who has the power to bring about change in our local communities?</b>	What needs to change in our community and who can make a difference?	How can groups bring about change in a local community?	How can volunteering improve a community?	What are grassroots developments and what impact can they have on a community?	How can we start a grassroots development?	Do we have the power to bring about change in our communities?
	<b>Why is the local economy important to society?</b>	How does the local economy affect our lives?	How can communities improve the local economy?	How do taxation and the local council support the growth of the local economy?	How can shopping locally and sustainably help the local economy?	How can we encourage more people to shop locally? (Part 1)	How can we encourage more people to shop locally? (Part 2)
	<b>Does the criminal justice system serve everyone fairly?</b>	What roles are there in the criminal justice system?	Does the criminal justice system treat all crimes in the same way?	Why is it important that courts are fair?	Is the law accessible to all?	How can injustice in the criminal justice system be challenged?	Is the justice system operating fairly?
	<b>How can political decisions impact the health of our society?</b>	What services does society need?	How are public services funded?	How should public money be spent?	How can the work of Government departments be held to account?	How can the law be used to address health issues in society?	How can we create a healthier society?
9	<b>Community volunteers or social media influencers – who has most power and influence?</b>	What is the difference between power and influence?	Does social media have power and influence on society?	Can community volunteers be powerful or influential?	Which social media influencers and community volunteers are powerful and influential?	How can we be advocates for those we think have the most power and influence?	Who has the most power and influence – community volunteers or social media influencers?
	<b>How well is justice served through the criminal justice system?</b>	What punishments can be used for criminals?	What is the purpose of sentencing?	Are alternative resolution methods just?	How do courts work in practice?	What evidence is considered during a trial?	Is the criminal justice system in the UK successful?
	<b>Fraud is the biggest crime in society – what can we do about it?</b>	What is fraud and why does it matter to me?	Why do money mule networks target young people?	What can we do about online fraud?	How can society prevent fraud?	What is fraud? (Assembly)	How do we protect ourselves from fraudsters? (Assembly)
	<b>Are elections the best way to decide who runs the country?</b>	Why are elections important?	Which system of voting is best?	Is it important that elections are free and fair?	How do we ensure free and fair elections in the UK?	Why do so many adults in the UK not vote?	Should we change the electoral system in the UK?