

REQUEST SUPPORT WITH VOTING

Every voter has the right to vote independently and in secret. If you need particular assistance, you can tell us using this form. You can take this form to the polling station on election day to let the Presiding Officer know that you need assistance to help you vote. Guidance notes can be found on the next page.

An online version of this form is available at: wandsworth.gov.uk/request-support-with-voting

- 1) My name is:
- 2) I am registered to vote at (my address):
- 3) What I need to help me vote (tick any that apply):

Large print sample of the ballot paper
Tactile voting device
McGonagle®Reader (audio-tactile voting device) <i>If you select this option, please contact Electoral Services as soon as possible so we have time to review your request ahead of any upcoming elections (our contact details are on the next page).</i>
Audio version of the ballot paper
Someone to help me mark the ballot paper with my decision
Pencil grip
I want to use my own device, e.g. video magnifier or text-to text speech app
I need to be able to lip read instructions
I cannot wait in long queues
I cannot use a polling booth
I need to stay with the person who is helping me (they may need to sign a form at the polling station)
Something else (please explain what you have difficulty with and what adjustments or equipment you need). <i>If you select this option, please send this form to Electoral Services as soon as possible so we have time to review your request ahead of any upcoming elections (our contact details are on the next page).</i>

- 4) I would like help from (tick the option/s that apply):

<input type="checkbox"/> The person with me (they may need to sign a form at the polling station)
<input type="checkbox"/> The Presiding Officer

- 5) My email address (optional):
- 6) My telephone number (optional):

VOTING INFORMATION

Registering to vote:

- You will need to be registered before you can vote. If have not done so already, you can register to vote at [gov.uk/register-to-vote](https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote) or contact Electoral Services using the details at the end of this page.
- The deadline to register to vote is **midnight, 12 working days before an election.**

The Elections Act 2022 gives you the right to:

- Request suitable equipment to assist you to vote independently.
- Take someone to assist (they must be aged 18 or over) or you can ask the polling station staff for help.

When you get to your polling station:

- If you cannot physically access the polling station, the Presiding Officer (the person running the polling station) must bring the ballot paper to you.
- You will be asked for your name and address.
- You will need to show an accepted form of photo ID or a Voter Authority Certificate (visit [wandsworth.gov.uk/voter-id](https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/voter-id) for details).
- You can use your own pen or pencil if you wish.

What other people can do:

- Explain the voting options to you.
- Use their knowledge of your communication methods to understand who you want to vote for.
- Come into the polling booth with you (please inform the Presiding Officer before you go into the booth, as the person who helps you will need to sign a form).
- Mark the ballot paper with your decision if you want them to.

What other people can't do:

- Make a decision for you.
- Mark the ballot paper against your wishes.
- Stop you from voting because you have a disability.

If you need help or advice before or after visiting your polling station, you can contact Electoral Services (please let us know if you need special assistance or adjustments when contacting us):

- Call the Electoral Services Helpline on **020 8871 6023**
- Email electoral@wandsworth.gov.uk
- Visit us at the **Customer Centre, Wandsworth High Street SW18 2PU**
(9am to 5pm, weekdays excluding bank holidays)
- Write to us at: **Electoral Services, Wandsworth Council, Town Hall, Wandsworth High Street, London SW18 2PU**

For information about how your data is processed, who we may share your information with and why please see our privacy notice at [wandsworth.gov.uk/electoral-privacy-notice](https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/electoral-privacy-notice) or you can contact us to request a copy.