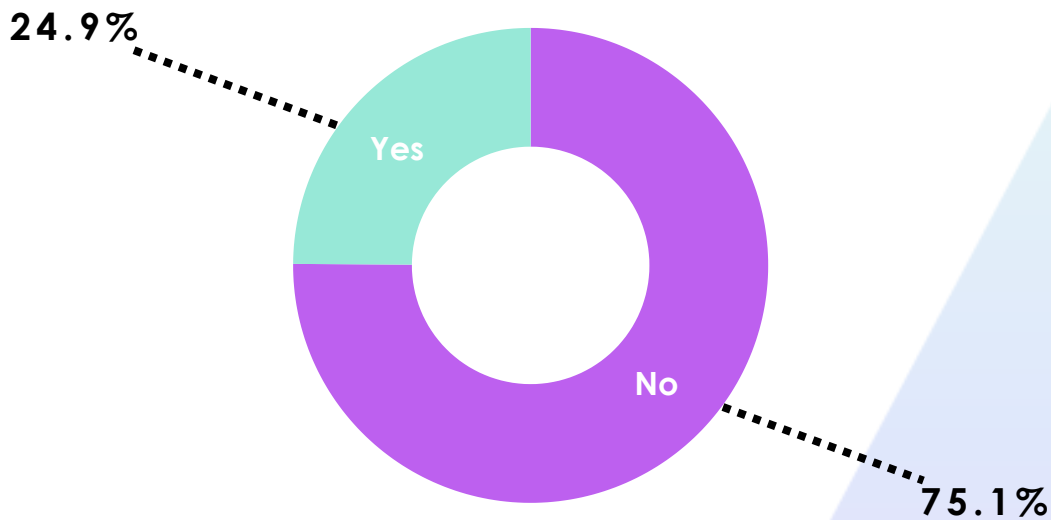


VOTESFORSCHOOLS AT HOME

YOUR LATEST RESULTS

Are adults equipped to teach you about the online world?



This VoteTopic received 45,771 total votes.

THIS WEEK'S BIG QUESTIONS

Should violence against shop workers be made its own law across the UK?

- What do you think the risks of working in a shop are?
- Are there any other groups of workers that might need more protection at work?
- What other measures could be taken to keep shop workers safe?

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

- *"No one should have to go to work fearing for their safety. This is a crisis that demands action now." - Helen Dickinson, CEO of British Retail Consortium.*
- *"[The NPCC is doing] everything possible to tackle offenders and support retailers in reducing shoplifting and attacks on retail staff." - Paul Betts, Assistant Commissioner for National Police Chiefs' Council.*

A CLOSER LOOK: HOW LAWS ARE MADE



In the UK, there are a number of laws that we have to follow as citizens. But how is a law made in the first place? Who decides which laws are right?

Firstly, a Bill is introduced to Parliament. This is an idea for a law, which ministers discuss as part of a debate. After the Bill has been discussed, the House of Commons and the House of Lords vote on it. If both Houses vote for the Bill, it is sent to the King for review. Once the King grants the law Royal Assent, it becomes an Act of Parliament. Then a date is set by which point everyone in the UK has to follow the new law.

It's not just MPs that get to put forward ideas for new laws. If you have a suggestion for a new law, you can contact your local MP or maybe even start a petition yourself. If your petition receives 10,000 votes, your idea for a new law could be debated in Parliament.

YOUR COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

- What is a Bill?
- Which Houses vote on a Bill?
- What does the King need to do to pass a new law?
- Find and copy a phrase from the final paragraph that has the same meaning as "suggest".
- How can you suggest ideas for a new law?

THIS WEEK'S OTHER NEWS STORIES

MPs stage walkout in Parliament

Over 50 MPs have signed a vote of no confidence in Sir Lindsay Hoyle, who is the Speaker of the House of Commons. This is due to his actions over a vote on a ceasefire in Gaza. The Government's position on it has not yet changed.



New rules on phones in schools

The Government has shared guidance with schools in England about reducing and restricting the use of phones during the school day. At the moment, it is up to schools to choose their own rules. However, this could change in future.



Martha's Rule to be introduced

From April, some hospitals in England will make it easier for seriously ill patients to get a second opinion from a doctor if their condition worsens. The rule is named after Martha Mills, 13, who died after her sepsis symptoms were missed.



Tube map gets a new look

London's six Overground lines have been renamed, to "honour and celebrate" London's unique history. The lines are now known as Liberty, Lioness, Mildmay, Suffragette, Weaver, and Windrush. They have new colours too!



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