

6th June 2024

SCHOOL CLOSURE GENERAL ELECTION – THURSDAY 4 JULY 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Local Authority Returning Officers are responsible for arranging polling stations across constituencies and are entitled to use publicly funded schools – including academies and free schools – free of charge. Shobnall Primary & Nursery School has been used historically as a polling station and a large turnout of voters is anticipated for the forthcoming General Election on Thursday 4 July 2024.

We received confirmation yesterday that the school building **will** be used as a polling station. Due to safeguarding regulations (i.e. contact between our pupils and the public), our own risk assessments and stipulations for the Returning Officers, this does mean that the school will have to close on this day. I know this will come as a great source of frustration to some of you but due to the reasons specified, we have no choice but to do so.

You may have noticed though from looking at the diary dates that the Year 4, 5 and 6 performance of The Wizard of Oz is planned for this day. This is **still** going ahead as those children will be at the Brewhouse Theatre all day on that day anyway. Year 4, 5 and 6 will receive a letter next week informing them of the arrangements.

Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause, but I wanted to inform you as soon as possible to allow you enough time to make any necessary arrangements you need to for childcare, particularly if you have children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and/or Year 3 as these classes are not involved in the production and the school building will be closed.

Many thanks for your support and understanding,

Kind regards,



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