



St. Paulinus Catholic Primary School



Inspiring all to live, learn and love in the light of Jesus.

(cf John 8:12)

8th May, 2019

Dear Parents / Carers,

Polling Station 2nd May 2019

I just want to take a few moments to thank the parents, children and staff of St. Paulinus for Thursday 2nd May 2019. The day was a huge success with no safeguarding incidents linked to being a Polling Station. The measures we put in place such as: closing half of the school, sending two year groups out on a trip, regular police patrols, the pick-up and drop-off arrangements and extra staff on duties etc, all meant that our children continued to be safe and cared for in, potentially, more challenging than usual circumstances. My thanks to all those involved.

European Parliamentary Elections – Polling Station

Unfortunately, we have received communication from Kirklees that we are to be used as a Polling Station again (if we have not left the EU) on the 23rd May 2019. I have completed the necessary risk assessments and have concluded that, unlike Thursday 2nd May, it would not be safe for us to open. This is because it is too short notice for us to arrange trips for year groups meaning we do not have the capacity to close half of the school and we do not have the time to complete the necessary checks that help us safeguard our pupils. I have reported my concerns to Kirklees and due to the risk assessments we have carried out, they have approved the decision that we close for the day without it affecting attendance percentages. I take this decision reluctantly as I am aware of the ramifications this may cause with parents needing to find childcare but I feel duty bound to protect the children first. I am, however, equally sure that many of you (and the children) will enjoy the extra day off and hopefully can get your half term holiday started early!

To summarise:

Due to the European Union Parliamentary Elections, School will be closed for safeguarding reasons on Thursday 23rd May 2019.

I apologise for any inconvenience, and hope you understand the reasons behind making this decision.

Thank you for your continued support,

Miss Hayes
Acting Headteacher

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