



Manor Green Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am writing to inform you of an unavoidable change to the school term dates linked to the upcoming Polling Day on Thursday 3rd May 2018. The governors of the academy have taken the difficult decision to close to pupils on this day.

I realise that informing you of another unplanned closure day so close to the unforeseen weather closures last week is not ideal, however it was always my intention to give you as much notice as possible. The reason for this change is due to safeguarding issues.

Ordinarily we have a high degree of control over who accesses the school site, including playgrounds and car park areas etc. The staff know most of the people who we see collecting children on a regular basis and we are confident in our ability to keep the children, staff and parents safe whilst on our premises. When the elections take place we have a lesser degree of control. Although we can ensure a secure external entrance for the general public, we cannot monitor this adequately at the beginning or end of the school days. In addition to this we do not have locks on our internal doors throughout the school which would enable us to isolate certain areas should this be needed – this is something which we will be looking to implement over the next academic year if possible. Added to this, we have to take into account recent international, national and local events which necessitate a higher level of security and lockdown procedures to be in place in all schools. The more we limit access to the school building, the less we have to consider the possibility of having to implement these systems.

I have consulted with the returning officer and the organisers of the local elections and requested a change of venue in order to avoid a closure but this was not possible on this occasion.

I can assure you that this will be a “one off” event as we have factored the polling day into our INSET days from the 2018-2019 academic year.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding in working with me to ensure the safety of the children.

Yours sincerely

Mrs. Warren

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