



Horn's Mill
Primary School

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SCHOOL CLOSED FOR EUROPEAN ELECTIONS THURSDAY 23rd MAY 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

I was contacted yesterday by democratic services at Cheshire West and Chester and a request was made for our school to be a polling station for the European Union Elections on 23rd May 2019, in addition to already accommodating the Local Elections on 2nd May.

Obviously, this second polling day is very short notice (and unexpected) due to Brexit events recently. We have already had to make considerable changes to arrangements so that Team 3 and 4 bay can be used on the 2nd May and school can stay open.

However, the DfE have previously released guidance about schools accommodating unplanned Elections and the LA are anticipating the same guidance that states that if the school need to close and have no remaining INSET days then the polling station takes precedence over making up the school days.

Under these guidelines, the LA have instructed us to close the school on this day. So, on Thursday 23rd May, school will now be closed to children. Staff will still be working either in school or from home on that day.

Of course if the election does not go ahead (for any unexpected reason) then the school will need to be open.

I realise that this will cause considerable inconvenience for many of you, which is the reason I have gone to such effort to remain open on the 2nd May. However, this day is unavoidable and I can only apologise for the problems this may cause for working parents.

Pre School will remain open for pre-school children and for afterschool club if this is any help to you. (Breakfast club is closed)

Swimming for Team 6 will unfortunately not take place on this day, so their course will be charged accordingly.

Kind regards
Sharon Wyatt