



Oaklands Schools



Oaklands
Infant School

Oaklands
Junior School

7th November 2013

Dear Parents/Carers

As many of you will be aware, the Junior school is used most years as a polling station for local and/or national elections. Neither Headteacher is happy about this and we have met with the local councillors to explore alternative venues. Unfortunately, we have not been able to reach agreement on this.

The site is completely open once access is gained through the gates, so for safeguarding reasons the Infant school (and Acorn under-Fives) has to close as well, which we realise is far from ideal. However, the council is currently undertaking a review of polling stations where schools, etc, are used. Both schools have been asked to respond on an individual basis, which we will do. We are pleased to say that there is also the opportunity for you to send in your thoughts and opinions. In framing your response, you might like to consider:

- Suitability of venue
- Impact on Junior children
- Impact on Infant children
- Impact on working parents
- Suggestions of suitable alternatives

As Headteachers we would like an alternative venue to be used so the children can enjoy their full education entitlement of 190 days each year. We would urge you to partake in this consultation and to this end we have attached a sheet you can use. We will collect them all and forward them on to Wokingham Borough Council. Alternatively, you can respond directly to:

Susanne Nelson-Wehrmeyer
Electoral Registration Officer
Wokingham Borough Council
Civic Offices
Shute End
Wokingham
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The closing date for the consultation is **Tuesday 12th November.**

Yours sincerely

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