



7 May 2019

Dear Parents / Carers,

Further to my text message, I am writing to inform you that the **school will be closed on Thursday 23 May.**

We have been asked to provide our premises for use as a Polling Station in the upcoming European elections. As we are the only suitable community building within the ward, it is our legal duty to support this, despite the disruption that it will cause to our school community.

You can find more details about school closures on Spelthorne Borough Council's website by following this link: <https://www.spelthorne.gov.uk/article/18348/School-closures>

We have investigated all possible ways in which the school might open on this day but various considerations, including safeguarding, make this impossible. Our Chair of Governors, Mr Wells, has written to the council to express our concerns over the repeated use of our facilities within the year.

You will be aware, of course, that the unpredictable nature of British politics at present makes it possible that these elections will not go ahead. We have been told that such a cancellation could happen any time up to 22 May. Should they be cancelled at any time, you will be informed and the school will be open as normal.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Austin
Head of School