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ELECTORAL SERVICES REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES 2019
Submission Form

Full Name	[REDACTED]
Organisation (if applicable)	WILLIAM MARTIN SCHOOLS
Residential / postal address	[REDACTED]

Your submission

Which ward does your submission relate to?	BUSH FAIR WEST
Which polling station does your submission relate to?	WILLIAM MARTIN SCHOOL
What is your submission? (use an additional page if necessary)	
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Signature:	[REDACTED]
Date:	7/7/2019

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Since 2016 the Governors at William Martin Schools have been raising the issue of using the School as a Polling Station. At William Martin we have a high level of SEND, ADHD and disadvantaged children, who do not handle any disruption or change to their routines, and thus become unsettled when it does happen, which will normally result in a non compliant day. Unfortunately we cannot always work inset days to coincide with Polling days.

On the last voting day we did try using the nursery and keeping the rest of the school opened, especially as our year 6 children were working hard towards their sat exams, to shut the school again would have been very unjust for them. We also have Parents/Carers who every polling day do raise their objections too as the majority of them are working Parents, which then leads to childcare issues.

There are so many other venues that I am sure could be used instead: St. Stephens Hall, Tye Green Community Hall, Tye Green Library, Harlow Study Centre to name but a few. Also bear in mind that this year house building is set to commence opposite the School which will result in the loss of the car park.

Myself and the other Governors are also concerned that all of the disruption to the School, Parents and Children for a turnout of just 17% seems very unfair. We would appreciate if you would consider an alternative venue if possible.

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Your submission

Which ward does your submission relate to?	Bush fair west
Which polling station does your submission relate to?	William Martin
What is your submission? (use an additional page if necessary)	
Please see attached.	

Signature:	[REDACTED]
Date:	5-7-19

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Willam Martin is a school for approx. 350 children. Historically the whole school has been closed so a polling station can be held in the junior hall.

In recent months the council have agreed to move the polling station to the nursery school, a small classroom with a few children's toilets and kitchenette. There are car park facilities on the opposite side of the road accessed via a zebra crossing.

Suggestions have previously been made for the polling station to be held in St Stephens Church part of Bushfair West ward. The church has a large hall, adult public toilets, a kitchen and parking on site. There is also a ramp available for any less abled people.

According to your published figures only 17% of voters turned out to use the polling station, can the council really justify closing any part of the school for this amount of people?

It would be great if the council could recognise the negative effects closing the school has on the children, parents (working or otherwise) & teachers. It has been documented in the schools Ofsted report that the school has a high % of SEN children, to close the nursery for one day will affect many children with autism, additional needs or just in need of a constant weekly routine. Not to mention the fact parents aren't allowed to take their children out of school for a day trip or family event without being penalised does seem a little hypocritical.

I look forward to hearing about your proposed changes soon.



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Your submission

Which ward does your submission relate to?	CHURCH LANGLEY
Which polling station does your submission relate to?	HENRY MOORE PRIMARY SCHOOL
What is your submission? (use an additional page if necessary)	
<p>To close the polling station at Henry Moore school and use the one at the Church Langley Community centre. It is not good for parking - especially for disabled people, The school should not be closed which causes financial costs to parents and children miss a days education and it's hardly used!</p>	

Signature:	[REDACTED]
Date:	20.7.19

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 04 July 2019 22:42
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES 2019

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to put my views forward regarding the use of Henry Moore Primary School as a polling station.

Firstly and most importantly the disruption this causes to the education of the pupils at the school (my Daughter included) is completely unnecessary.

Secondly, the impact this has on working families. Having to arrange childcare, often at additional cost, or having to take time off work has significant financial implications to families.

I understand from looking at the figures that the turn out of voters in this area was very low and do not feel that it requires two separate polling stations in Church Langley. The Community Centre is sufficient for those who want to vote.

The Community centre is larger than the hall at Henry Moore. It is within walking distance of all homes within Church Langley. For anyone less able to walk it also has the convenience of parking facilities and disabled bays directly outside.

I sincerely hope that common sense will prevail and the educational needs of the children and financial impact to families, will be put before a small number voters, who could easily use the nearby Community Center at no inconvenience.

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

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Full Name	[REDACTED]
Organisation (if applicable)	NDA
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Your submission

Which ward does your submission relate to?	Church Langley East
Which polling station does your submission relate to?	Henry Moore Primary School (BA).
What is your submission? (use an additional page if necessary) - Request serious consideration is given to ceasing use of the school as a polling station. The community centre is sufficiently sized & could be sufficiently resourced to handle a feet-on-ground average turnout of 19% across both polling stations. It is ridiculous to keep doing this - and other school for this purpose when other stations are under-utilised.	

Signature:	[REDACTED]
Date:	24 July 2019

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Your submission

Which ward does your submission relate to?	Church Langley
Which polling station does your submission relate to?	Henry Moore School.

What is your submission? (use an additional page if necessary)

There is no need to close the School and turn it into a polling station, causing disruption to pupils e parents.

It is nonsensical that the local authority prosecute parents if they disrupt a child's schooling by absencing them during term time but it apparently is fine to disrupt over 500 pupils education to use the School for elections. Most people vote by post now anyway and there is an alternative at church Langley Community Centre 10 minutes walk away. The current provision needs revising.

Signature:	[REDACTED]
Date:	23/07/19.

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Which ward does your submission relate to?	CHURCH LANGLEY
Which polling station does your submission relate to?	HENRY MOORE PRIMARY SCHOOL
What is your submission? (use an additional page if necessary)	
<p>We do not require a polling station at Henry Moore School, when there is an adequately sized one at Church Langley Community Centre. Voter turnout is historically low, and we do not need it in such close proximity. The cons outweigh the pros, with children missing out on learning, and parents paying the cost for child care.</p>	

Signature:	[REDACTED]
Date:	31-07-19

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From:
Sent:
To:
Subject:

[REDACTED]
18 July 2019 10:16

[REDACTED]
Polling stations in Church Langley

I struggle to understand the reasoning for closing a school to complete polling when there is a community hall on church Langley.

Every closure disrupts the education of 570 pupils-including the week before SATs each year - It is an unnecessary use of school. The Community Centre has plenty of capacity-it is currently very underused on polling day - Community Centre has better parking - Community Centre has good/much better Blue Badge parking - Every Church Langley resident passes the Community Centre going to and from their home-it is far more convenient to everybody than Henry Moore School

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Full Name	[REDACTED]
Organisation (if applicable)	N/A
Residential / postal address	[REDACTED]

Your submission

Which ward does your submission relate to?	Great Parndon.
Which polling station does your submission relate to?	Jerounds School.

What is your submission? (use an additional page if necessary)

Please STOP using schools as polling stations.
How can you justify closing a school of 400 children for a 22% turnout on 2nd May '19 elections?
Working parents have to pay for child care or take a days holiday.
please STOP using schools as polling stations

Signature:	[REDACTED]
Date:	8th July 2019

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