



GREASBY INFANT SCHOOL

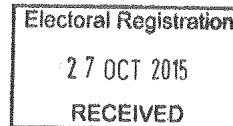
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23rd October 2015

Mr David Davies
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Dear Mr Davies

Re: Local Government Elections - May and November 2016

With reference to your recent letter I once again urge you to seek an alternative venue for next years and subsequent elections and that school is not longer considered to be a polling station. You met with Mrs Hall on a couple of occasions prior to the last elections and promised that you would research the alternative venues in the area that we had suggested, namely:

- Our Lady of Pity Church Hall on Mill Lane
- Greasby Community Centre in the centre of Greasby
- The Children's Centre in the centre of Greasby, and
- Greasby Library in the centre of Greasby

We would appreciate it if you could let us have your opinions on the above facilities as those in the Centre of Greasby are all Council owned and the Children's Centre and Library are both centrally located and accessible. They are also much more readily accessible and convenient to those of the electorate who use the buses to get to work and are now used much less frequently as a result of local government cuts.

On the day of the General Election this year, the whole school was educated off site and many of the parents expressed their appreciation of school's efforts to ensure that they didn't have to take time off work nor pay for their children to be cared for due to the closure (to the children) of school. It is not only Greasby Infants that is affected by the elections but many parent's have children in the Juniors and we agree our holidays and training days together.

Mr Graham Burgess in his "Notice of Polling Districts and Polling Places Review" - November 2013 asks for alternative places that could be used - this we have done; he also goes on the say "... that electors have such reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable and do not adversely affect the convenience of electors within the polling district". Our parents and their families and friends are the electorate of Greasby and many of them find that forcing schools to close to act as election stations does have an adverse effect on their family and work life.

We will be writing to our parents to ask them to put their opinion in writing and we will forward their responses both to yourself and to the Licensing, Health and Safety and General Purposes Committee for consideration.

I look forward to your considered response.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Shepherd', with a large, stylized flourish extending to the right.

Phillip Shepherd
Chair of Governors