



Shalfleet Church of England Primary School

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4th March 2026

Dear parents and carers,

I am writing to let you know about the arrangements for 7th May, when our school will again be used as a Polling Station. The Local Authority has explored a number of alternative venues in the area, but unfortunately none meet the required criteria, so we have been instructed for the polling station to be on our site.

Although the Local Authority does have the power to enforce a school closure, they are keen to avoid this and have been working closely with us to find solutions that keep the school running safely and smoothly.

For this election, the Polling Station will be located in one room within our Little Explorers preschool building. To ensure the day runs safely and happily for the children:

- Wise Owls (3–4-year olds) will spend the day at Little Stars at Freshwater & Yarmouth, where they will enjoy time at the park and a picnic, weather permitting.
- Curious Squirrels (0-2-year olds) will remain on site. Their room is fully secured with locked internal doors, and they will use the school grounds for outdoor play as usual.

We will secure the entire setting so that members of the public will not have access to the school grounds. The Local Authority will also be placing notices advising voters to avoid drop-off and pick-up times and to park off-site wherever possible. In addition, Local Authority officers will be present throughout the day to monitor the area and ensure that the public remain within the designated polling space.

Thank you for your understanding and support. These arrangements allow us to keep the school open, maintain safety, and ensure the children still enjoy a positive and engaging day. If you have any questions, please feel free to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

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