

27th April 2021

Re: Polling Day

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am pleased to say that we do not have to close on Polling Day this year (6th May 2021). I know that closing school on a Thursday, after such an interrupted year, would not be beneficial for the children here at Bowling Green Academy.

The decision to stay open has been taking following visits from Calderdale's Health and Safety Team and also from the Polling Team. We have liaised closely with both teams following several site visits to ensure children's safety and also to maintain our school's COVID risk assessment.

Here is a brief overview of some of the measures that will be put in place to maintain our high measures of safeguarding:

- The Polling Station will use its own access point (beside the bins)
- Barriers will be in place throughout the day to segregate the voters from our children
- The Polling Team and voters will have access to their own separate facilities for the duration of the day and will therefore not need to come into the school building
- The Polling Team will be based in one room for the day, which will be appropriately secured from the rest of the school
- The affected class (Year 1) will be relocated internally for the day
- On the morning, we ask that Year 1 children line up with their Teacher next to the Reception outside area fence and collected from the same place.

Please ensure that all appropriate measures are in place to keep children safe and for school to remain open for the day with minimal disruption.

Kind regards,



Jamie Stuttard

Principal