

## Rachel Whillis

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From: Suze Shorter

Sent: 29 March 2018 19:39

To: Vote

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Dear Sir/Madam

I understand there is a consultation process of reviewing the locations of polling stations and am writing to raise my strong views against using schools as polling stations in particular Windlesham Infants School for the ward of Bagshot.

Last year my daughter had 2 x 3 day weeks at school due to the council elections falling in the same week as a School inset day and then the same thing happening in June where the general election closed our School again in the same week as an inset day after a weeks half term.

This is incredibly hard to manage for working parents and I consider it totally unnecessary to close a school for a whole day.

At the very least, the school inset days could and should have been changed to coincide with the polling day.

However, ongoing, I feel that there are far better suited buildings that can be used other than to disrupt 140 children's education for a day. I play by the rules of not taking my children out of school during term time so I don't get fined by the council so I consider the choice to close a school for polling to be massive double standards by the council.

I would be very grateful if you could take my opinion into the consultation process, I know I am not alone in my opinion.

Below I quote from your website, I would be grateful if you could work with Windlesham to avoid or minimise disruption from polling.

Many thanks and regards  
Suzanne Shorter

"The Council does not require the school to close when it is used as a Polling Station and would be very happy to work with the school to find a solution to enable the school to continue to operate on that day. This would, however, need to ensure that the arrangements do not impede the poll and, more importantly, ensure the children's safety is maintained"

Sent from my iPhone