18th April 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Important Emergency Closure Day Notice

Moss Park Junior School is a Polling Station and because of the unique nature of our connecting buildings and our alarm systems this means that Moss Park Infant School also has to close to children on Polling Day. This is for the safety of all our children. We are closed to pupils this year on Thursday 2nd May 2019.

You may also know, via the media, that elections to the European Parliament will take place on **Thursday 23rd May 2019.** Moss Park Juniors has been approached by Democratic Services to be a polling station for that date too if there is no Brexit agreement between the UK and the EU.

The law requires that schools must be used as polling stations where they are selected by the Returning Officer. Therefore if the elections do go ahead, Moss Park Junior School and Moss Park Infant School will be closed to pupils on **Thursday** **23rd May 2019.**

The complicating factor is that these elections will be cancelled by the Government at very short notice if a Brexit agreement is reached by then. If that is the case, we will be open to pupils as normal.

DfE guidance states, “*If a school is prevented from meeting for one or more sessions because of an unavoidable event, it should find a practical way of holding extra sessions. If it cannot find a practical way of doing this then it is not required to make up the lost sessions*”.

This year, because of the way the calendar has fallen, we are in school right up to the Friday 26th July 2019 to fulfil our 190 days. This means that is is not practical to add a pupil day on to the end of term.

We apologise for inconvenience. Unfortunately the Brexit negotiations are beyond our control.

Thank you for your continued support,

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