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Dear parent,

PARLIMENTARY ELECTION - THURSDAY 12 DECEMBER 2019

I have received a request for the use of Deptford Park Primary School as a polling station for the Parliamentary election which is taking place on 12 December 2019. Schools are required to comply with requests for polling station use from the returning officer of an election. I am writing to inform you of my decision to close the school to all pupils on that day.

A decision to close the school or send pupils home is never taken lightly, but in this instance, pupil safety is the priority when making this decision. Pupils and the voting public cannot be kept apart because there are no separate entrances and exits for pupils and the voting public. Voting cannot take place on this site without compromising our school's controlled access. In addition, I could not guarantee pupils' education and the normal school day would not be disrupted. In these circumstances I have no choice but to take appropriate steps to ensure the health, safety and well being of all pupils.

I shall therefore be unable to provide for your child and all other pupil activities on that day will be cancelled. It is your responsibility to make appropriate provision for your child's care. I apologise for the short notice and will help in any way I can if this situation presents difficulties for you or your family. I am aware that school closures inconvenience parents and carers and so I am writing to give you advance notice of the impact of the Parliamentary election on this school.

As a result, I have decided to move the Y3/4 Christmas performance to **Tuesday 17th December 2019**.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken Johnson'.

Ken Johnson

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Deputy Head: Leona Baffour

