



DOWSON PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you know, a General Election has been called for the 12th December 2019. You may have noticed that this is also the date of our trip to the Pantomime at Romiley Forum for Years 1-6. This has left me with some difficult decisions to be made because Election Day would usually mean an unavoidable closure.

The Pantomime Trip is such a great occasion for our pupils that I would not want to cancel this and it cannot be rearranged (I have tried). However, with careful planning, half the school being out at the Pantomime during each half of the day, coupled with the new gate security systems, does present us with the option to remain open across the FSU and Upper School buildings only whilst the Lower School Building is used for the election.

Therefore, the plan for the day will be for children in Reception and Nursery to attend their building as usual and they will remain there for the duration of the day, including lunchtime. Years 1-6 should be brought into the Upper School building on this day. Years 4-6 will go into classrooms as usual and Years 1-3 will enter the hall through the doors in the sunken area – staff will be directing you on the day. The children in Years 1-3 will be registered in the hall before being led to the coaches and going to the pantomime in the morning. Upper School children will have an early lunch and be ready to get on the coaches for their afternoon performance and Lower School children will eat lunch when they return and then use the classrooms for the afternoon.

Because we have the added complication of the kitchen being in the Lower School building, we are proposing children eat a packed lunch, as they would on other trip days. School will provide packed lunches for all children on a school dinner, paid for or otherwise, unless you would prefer to provide your own. Please indicate this on the slip below.

At the end of the day, FSU children can be collected from their building as usual and Upper School children will follow the same arrangements they usually have. The Lower School children will need to be collected from the Upper School hall and staff will be there to facilitate this.

The after school clubs of choir and gymnastics will go ahead as these are housed in the Upper School Building.

Unfortunately, there will not be any Dowson's Den provision on this day.

I hope you appreciate the difficulties this has presented us with but are satisfied with the arrangements that will allow us to go ahead with our Pantomime visit, which was such a great success last year. I thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation on this day.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Kathryn Thornburn

Principal

