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| **Polling Districts, Places and Stations Review 2024** |  |

**Trinity Ward**

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| 09/09/24 | Dorcas Centre | Trinity | When my children were younger and were going to Two Gates Primary school and it would be closed for elections that there was other places where they could have used different venues and at the same time that my address even though I live in Two Gates I didn't vote there and had to go to Dosthill .  **What is your alternative option (if any) to the above polling station(s)?** Instead of the school at Two Gates I would use the Tamworth Community Hub And Masjid ,Greatmead ,Kettlebrook ,B77 1DL. For the Dorcas centre I cannot think of anywhere which is as suitable as the Dorcas centre. | Schools are informed of scheduled polls several years in advance thus allowing ample time to plan for a Teacher Training Inset Day. This should help keep disruption and inconvenience to a minimum. Whilst schools must provide the Returning Officer with a suitable room to facilitate voting it is not the Returning Officer who chooses to close the school. This is a decision taken by the school. Lakeside Primary School, like several other schools used as polling stations throughout the borough remain either fully or partially open on polling days.  Schools are required under statute to be made available for voting purposes. This is partly because as a public building the access must meet all requirements set out in the Equality Act 2010. Accessibility for disabled voters is a very important issue and ensuring that polling stations are suitable for all sorts of disability is essential. Statistics state that there are approximately 7,000 people within the borough who have mobility issues and an unknown number of people with other impediments. We must be very careful about not accidentally disenfranchising an elector as they are unable to access voting facilities easily. Section 16 of the Electoral Administration Act 2006 has placed a requirement on the local authority to review the accessibility of all polling stations. A review is undertaken at every poll and a polling station questionnaire is available for completion by electors. No complaints have been received at any of the recent elections regarding accessibility at this venue. Therefore, no changes are proposed.  Park Farm Community, Greatmead is not within the Trinity ward and is already utilised as a polling station for the BE4 polling district which is part of the Belgrave Ward. |
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