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**SENT BY EMAIL**

Dear Richard

**POLLING STATION FOR RYE WARD (HI 001)**

We are in the process of finding a replacement polling station for the Rye Ward HI 001, as Tilling Green infants school has now been boarded up and East Sussex County Council has advised us that it cannot be re-opened in June due to insurance and health and safety reasons. We had considered using the new Rye Community School, but we have received concerns, principally due to the difficulty that car drivers would have in reaching the site.

Consequently we have now explored which other sites would be suitable and available along the B2089 area near to the Tilling Green estate. We were unable to use the day room at Magdala House and have still to receive a response from Rother Homes as to the use of Badger Gate, but we have been successful in provisionally booking a suitable room in the Ferry Road Health Centre. The Ferry Road Playgroup site next door to the Centre was used for many years before the availability of Tilling Green infants school, so it is in a familiar position for the electors of that area.

Other advantages include some close parking, including a designated disabled car parking space, Gibbets Marsh car park nearby and both the access to the building and the room itself are all level making it suitable for the disabled. The Practice Manager may also take this opportunity to promote health services to the local residents which would be beneficial to both sides.

I would appreciate the Town Council's views and whether Members would be happy for us to go ahead and book the Health Centre. As you can imagine it takes some considerable time to put these arrangements in hand, and most latterly we have been waiting for permission from the Primary Care Trust, which we have now received.

Yours sincerely

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 Electoral Services Manager



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