

Referendum on 5 May 2011

Schools used as polling places:

BWC – St Stephen’s School, Westbourne Park Road- closed
CHB – St Barnabas School, St Barnabas Street- closed
CSA – Gateway Primary School, Frampton Street Entrance- school remained open, only nursery closed
HPA – Early Years Unit, St James’s Church Vestry - closed
HRC – St Peter’s Primary School, Chippenham Mews - closed
LGB – St James’s & St Michael’s School, Craven Terrace- closed
LVA – Sharp Suite, St Joseph’s School, Sutherland Avenue – school remained open for the 1st time as new self contained part of the school was used as polling station.
LVB – St Saviour’s School, Shirland Road- closed
MHA – St Vincent’s School - closed
MVB – Essendine Primary School - closed
SJA – St Clement Danes’ School - closed
TBB – Westminster Cathedral School, Bessborough Place- closed
VSA – Millbank School, Erasmus Street - closed
WBB – St Mary of the Angels School, Shrewsbury Road - closed
WED – All Souls School – school closed, however new polling place is to be used at future elections instead of the school (Fitzrovia Community Centre)

Polling places with no disabled access:

Information from the log book of the Chief Presiding Officer

LGA – St Matthew’s Church, St Petersburg Place. There were 2 wheelchair user voters. A door bell/chime was provided for wheelchair users to be able to notify the Chief Presiding Officer. The process used by the Chief Presiding Officer was to bring the ballot paper and the ballot box to the voter via a side entrance, where the voter was able to vote in secret, away from the public footpath.

1 partially sighted voter used the magnifying sheet supplied by the Returning Officer. There was one recorded complaint in respect of the access arrangements

LGB - St James’s and St Michael’s School, Craven Terrace.

A door bell/chime was provided.

There was 1 wheelchair user voter.

There were no recorded complaints in respect of the access arrangements

SJB – Charing Cross Library, Charing Cross Road.

A door bell/chime was provided.

There were no wheelchair users or other disabled voters recorded in the Chief Presiding Officer’s logbook.

There was 1 complaint in respect of the entrance to the polling place. The detail of this complaint is not logged

MHB – Central Synagogue, Hallam Street.

A door bell/ chime was provided.

There were no wheelchair user, blind or partially sighted voters recorded as having voted.

2 voters with learning disabilities were assisted to vote by the Chief Presiding Officer..

WEB – Dance Centre, Balderton Street

No logbook or polling place review document was completed by the Chief Presiding Officer.

WED – All Souls School, Foley Street

No wheelchair users or other disabled persons were recorded as having voted in the Chief Presiding Officer's logbook. Note as above – Post polling place review ,Fitzrovia Community Centre to be used at future elections- the Fitzrovia Centre has good disabled access.

Provision made for the assistance of voters with disabilities:

- ramps
- door bells/ chimes (where ramps cannot be used or where wheelchair users need help navigating to the polling place)
- low level polling booths
- equipment provided to help blind or partially sighted voters - large print ballot paper on display, A3 hand held ballot paper, magnifying sheet, blind person's template
- large print notices and guidance to voters
- all polling staff receive written instruction on how to assist voters with disabilities. Locally produced instruction supplements guidance provided by the Electoral Commission
- all polling staff attend briefing sessions. Part of these sessions is dedicated to how to assist voters with disabilities.