

A response from Mrs Hughes...

Dear 4RJ,

Thank you very much for your letters, I enjoyed reading them. I am sorry that I haven't replied earlier but it has been a difficult decision to make. I am going to be honest; I was shocked to hear that you found an egg in the playground when you returned to school after Christmas, something which was very unexpected. I can imagine there was a mixture of emotions, excitement and fear.

You all make valid points for and against keeping the egg and it has been a really difficult decision for me to make. Before I tell you my decision, I want you to know that I have carefully considered all of your points for and against.

Making the school famous was one which I was very keen to consider as you know how proud I am of Ravensbury Community School and the children in it. The point made about children having responsibility to take care of what is *inside the egg* was also made me think. You know how important the school rules of being responsible, being *respectful and being safe* are to me. I am also keen to ensure that endangered species are protected for future generations.

However, there are a lot of unknowns which make me anxious, and it wouldn't be very responsible of me to allow an unknown creature into the school. The points you raise about not knowing what is inside the egg; is it dangerous or poisonous? Is a big worry for me. I would never forgive myself if the creature (if it is a creature) inside the egg preyed on the children and hurt them or even damaged our school. Parents would be very cross with me that I hadn't kept their children safe and allowed the creature to destroy our beautiful building. I don't think the Governors would be pleased if I spent the money for visits and visitors on food for the creature.

So, after careful consideration I think the most sensible decision at this moment in time is not to keep the egg in school until we know more about it. I am sure Mr Jones and Miss Ratcliffe will take responsibility for the egg and make sure that it is disposed of in a safe and secure manner.

Yours sincerely

Mrs. Hughes

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Headteacher

