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Dear Parents and Carers,

REF: CONTINUING ISSUES WITH OUR SITE

Thank you for your ongoing patience, as we battle with the vagaries of a set of ancient and inappropriate buildings that are now beyond our skills to manage. Our heating system remains very unstable and we have engineers in this week to source a significant water leak which is allowing heated water to seep underground somewhere on the site. Standing water is due to be pumped from the roof to reduce the stress on the roof structure, but this cannot happen yet as we now have a collapsed drain that contractors were unable to fix last week.

I am sure that your son or daughter will have already told you about the unpleasant smell this is causing and which has meant a number of classrooms are currently unusable. We currently have flushing toilets, but this is not expected to be the case from tomorrow. We have managed to find a company who believe that they can fix the drain, but they are unable to be here until Friday and will need to do some extensive digging to rectify the problem.

Without functioning toilets and with the level of work to be undertaken, it is not safe or comfortable to keep the site open. I deeply regret having to make this decision and I am working very closely with the Local Authority to find both a short term solution and a long term way forward, as our students deserve better than this, as do our staff.

Your son or daughter will be bringing home a package of work to be completed over the next few days. Staff will continue to work, albeit in other locations, and will be taking advantage of the opportunity to access new training and to prepare and develop new learning activities. They will be accessible by email and via class dojo throughout the rest of the week, unless they are in a training session.



Year 11 students are still expected to attend college on Thursday and will be taking part in an activity at Hobbycraft in the afternoon. They should travel to college or school as normal.

Assuming that the drain can be re-built, we will open as normal on Monday. The website will be kept up to date and I ask you to refer to it if you need clarification over the next few days.

We are hoping to be able to offer a way forward within a matter of weeks and I ask you to be patient in the meantime. We are horrified to find ourselves in this situation and we believe that our students deserve the very best.

Thank you for your support

Yours sincerely

Corina Foster
Headteacher