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Dear Parents/Carers

Head Teacher: Mr M. Mountcastle

Boilers

We have struggled on all week and I thank you for your patience as we continue to have no hot water or heating in school. I am trying to be as transparent as possible so please bear with me as I try and explain the situation further.

The boilers are already old and were due to be replaced anyway in the next 12-24 months, at a cost of roughly £100, 000. However the flood has caused damage that may or may not continue to cause issues. We really cannot tell. With new parts they could last the next 8 months or 8 days! The delay is caused because the boilers are old; no one in the UK stocks the parts we need so we have had to source them from Europe. Therefore there is a delay of 10 days on the parts.

In situations like this we are bound by Health and Safety legislation and whether we agree or not, we have to follow advice. This week we have been cold in school but we have managed to just about maintain an acceptable temperature (putting on an extra jumper is not acceptable to the H&S people!) However today and overnight temperatures have dropped and in school it is currently well below acceptable standards. As you know I stayed late in school last night trying to second guess the weather and even after checking a number of websites the temperature went below the forecast.

This morning I have taken further advice from Trafford and Salford Diocese and we will have to close school tomorrow. Please understand this is not something I do lightly and it is after all possible eventualities have been explored.

I will be in school next week to put emergency measures in place to ensure we can open normally on Monday 28th October.

Thank you for your understanding.

M Mountcastle

