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Dear Parents/Carers,

Recent School Closures

Firstly, may I offer my most humble apologies for the recent closures at school. I can promise you that we would never close the school unless it was due to the most serious concerns for the Health and Safety, including loss of water, toileting facilities or the ability to provide hot school meals for our children. This is always our utmost priority.

This year we have been forced to close due to water leaks, not necessarily on school site, and electrical issues. Please be rest assured that the school SLT and Site team are working very closely with external agencies to manage this, including the Head of Estates and Facilities at our Aquila head office.

The electrical issues have been caused by the recent installation of our Air Source Heat Pump, replacing our gas boilers, and installation of our solar panels with a view to reducing our carbon footprint in line with Government targets.

We had delayed the installation for 18 months and work was completed during the summer break to reduce disruption, however due to unforeseen circumstances and since the colder weather and the use of the new heating system, we believe has contributed to the power outages.

There has been a huge amount of work behind the scenes to rectify this and ensure that the school remains open and the new system functioning. We have worked very closely with all stakeholders including the contractors leading the project.

We had an onsite meeting earlier today and as some of you may be aware, electricians were onsite very early this morning, checking each step of the electrical system and believe that any issues have now been resolved.

On behalf of the leadership team, and the Governing Body, a huge thank you for your patience and support. We truly understand the inconvenience caused when we close. We have worked hard to keep the school open and maintain a safe environment for all pupils.

I would like to thank the staff for their flexibility during difficult times, and the resilience of our children, for keeping focused on their learning.

Thank you once again for your patience and tolerance.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Iain Witts
Executive Headteacher