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Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I would like to begin by thanking everyone in the school community for their patience and understanding this morning.

At 7am this morning, the carpet in the Year 5 locker area and around the KS2 toilets was a little soggy. However, within a very short space of time, with the increased heavy rainfall, the water began pouring through the ceiling in the girls' toilets. On the other side of the toilet wall is a cupboard which houses the school's main electrical unit and fuse box. As the heavy rain continued, it then began to pour through the ceiling, directly into the cupboard which began to fill with water.

As I'm sure you can appreciate, particularly given the weather forecast for the day, it was at this point that we made the decision to close to children for the remainder of the school day.

The National Grid have now been into school and have completely sealed off the unit. They have reassured us that it is safe to have the power on in school. The leaks have now been fixed and, unless we have another 48 hours of biblical rainfall, should be absolutely watertight moving forward.

We are now assessing the extent of the damage and how we can get the school up and running at full capacity again, as quickly as possible. Unfortunately, the water damage to the KS2 toilets means that they will not be usable tomorrow whilst the damage is being fixed and the industrial dehumidifiers are drying the areas out. Because of these toilets being out of order, we will be below the recommended ratio of toilets to pupils.

Therefore, the school will be **open** to children in **Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2** tomorrow.

However, we are very sorry to announce that it will be **closed** for children in **Years 3, 4, 5 and 6**.

The day will run as usual for children in Years 2 and below, including any pre-booked breakfast and after school clubs.

Any children in Years 3-6 who have already booked in will have clubs and school lunches refunded in due course. Children in Years 3-6 will receive an email from their teacher later this afternoon with some links on it to aid home learning.

Again, please rest assured that this decision has not been taken lightly and it is very much our intention for the school to be open to all pupils again on Wednesday.

Thank you, again, for your understanding,

Amanda Bradley  
Headteacher

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