

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Thank you for all of your support this week during the issues we have experienced with our boiler and heating systems.

The school has worked with contractors and engineers throughout the week. Unfortunately, as heating could not be restored to the Early years part of the school, we had to make the very difficult decision to close this part of the school for part of the week. This decision was made as the safety of pupils will always be of paramount importance. We could not get safe working temperatures in this part of the school for our children in the Nursery and Reception classes.

We continued to communicate with you around the rest of the school and temperatures were consistently monitored ensuring that they were at, at least safe working temperatures. Some rooms even had it warmer than Tenerife! As at times heat made its way to some rooms and not others.

I am pleased to report that following the completion of works as of this afternoon heating has been restored throughout the school meaning that we now have heat in our Early Years classes and they are operating at correct working temperatures. **I am therefore delighted to announce that we will be able to open our Nursery and Reception class to all pupils on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November. Please note all other classes will also be open as normal.**

I want to take this opportunity to thank you once again for your support and understanding this week. I also wish to personally thank all staff who have gone above and beyond once again to support the running of the school. A huge shout out to Mr Craig Scarlett our Site Manager who has been on site very early every morning (whilst some of us are still asleep in our beds!), gritting and clearing paths, boosting the boiler and meeting engineers to ensure the site is safe and in working order. Thank you Craig!

Wishing you all a restful weekend where weather conditions hopefully improve.  
Looking forward to seeing all of the OLSB family back in school on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November.

With thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sarah Clowes'.

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