

Dear Parents,

I know I have wrote to you several times over the last half term about our leaking roof and crumbling wall in our Reception Class and the heating issues that we have been experiencing throughout the school. Many of you will have seen that this has reached both the National and Local News today and it will feature on the 6pm news on the BBC this evening.

As many of you are aware this school along with all other 87 schools in Stoke-on-Trent are in a Private Finance Contract (PFI) that covers all maintenance of our building. This is a contract between the Stoke-On-Trent Local authority and private providers (TSSL). This means that the school cannot simply call in its own engineers to get items repaired but must wait for the PFI contract to approve and begin works.

This has been a very frustrating time for all concerned with works remaining incomplete and our youngest children still having to be taught in the hall and corridor area. I am very unhappy with the current situation, it is far from ideal. We have continued to raise this to the highest levels. In my opinion this is simply not good enough for you, are families and children. I will continue to fight and make our voices heard until these works are completed and the children have a classroom that is a suitable place to learn. We should not be in this situation in 2025. This is why I agreed for the BBC to cover this news story in a hope that raising this matter will lead to the necessary works being completed and further enable us to continue to provide an outstanding education for our children.

Presently we do not have an adequate resolution or timeline in place for the completion of these works and we continue to urge those concerned with the PFI contract to ensure a prompt completion of these works.

I want to take this opportunity to than you all personally for your understanding throughout this difficult time. I know that the impacts of this have gone beyond the Early Years classroom meaning that Our Owlets Parent and Toddler group has been unable to run, school lunches have been impacted with children needing to eat in the classrooms and Music and PE lessons have also faced interruptions.

I will continue to keep in contact with you requiring any further updates and thank you once again for your support.

With thanks,

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

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