

Dear Parents,

As many of you are aware we have had continual issues with our boiler and heating systems in school. This morning the EYFS carpeted area was on flood. On investigation it has become apparent that there is a burst heating pipe in our Early Years classroom. This has caused extensive damage to the flooring throughout a large proportion of the Early Years classroom.

**For this reason it will be necessary to close the Nursery Class to all pupils tomorrow Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2025.**

We will of course keep you informed but I wish to give you advance notice that **it is likely that the closure will continue throughout Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April and Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2025** as extensive works will need to be completed prior to the re-opening of the room.

As many of you are aware the 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. This means that the school cannot simply call in its own engineers to get the burst water pipe and flooring repaired but must wait for the PFI contract to approve and begin works.

I am incredibly frustrated at the problems that we are continuing to encounter. I know that the Early Years children have been particularly impacted throughout this academic year. I am devastated to have to inform you of the closure of the Nursery. I have once again today raised this to the highest levels and requested urgent assistance to complete the necessary works; as in my opinion this is simply not good enough for our children and families.

This closure **only involves the Nursery Class** as the Reception class will continue to be taught in the hall at this time.

We are very sorry for the inconvenience this causes. We simply have no further classroom or space to house the nursery children at this time.

We will of course keep in contact with you regarding any further developments.

Thanking you once again for your continual support.

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

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