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Dear Parent/Carer

2nd October 2023

Re: School Heating System

I am writing to give an update on the situation regarding the school heating system.

On Thursday and Friday (5th & 6th October) remedial repairs will be carried out in the Amethyst Learning Zone with the hope that this will allow us to have the heating system running as soon as possible.

It is possible that even with this remedial repair, the refilling of the system and pressurisation of the heating system may result in other weaknesses in the pipework being exposed resulting in further leaks. The whole underground pipework system requires replacement in order to ensure the heating system will work without further significant leaks. The Trust have agreed to fund this remedial repair to try to see if we can get the heating system up and running as soon as possible but everyone involved accepts that this may not be a successful short-term fix.

In the event that the short term fix doesn't work, we have purchased a number of electric heaters for the Learning Zones and communal areas in order to maintain the temperature in school.

The main work to replace the heating pipework and bring it above ground will begin on 16th October 2023 and could take up to 8 weeks to complete – taking us up to Christmas.

I have a site meeting planned with the team in order for us to put together a logistical plan of exactly how we can facilitate this work being carried out whilst keeping the school open and as normal for the children as possible.

During the period of the works, it will be necessary to move some classes for short periods of time and I will share the exact plan once it is finalised. I do not underestimate how challenging the next few months will be in trying to keep the school running alongside significant building work taking place.

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And once again, thank you for bearing with us and for your support during this time.

Once more detailed plans are available I will share them with you but in the meantime if you have any queries or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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