



24th January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you know, Castle Academy closed between 18th and 24th January and I am sorry that there will be a further two days of closure before we are able to re-open to all pupils on Thursday 27th January.

We know that this closure has been very disruptive for you and this comes at a difficult time of year when it means missing out on work or having to call on the support of grandparents and wider family. We are very sorry for this disruption and grateful for the supportive comments and understanding that the whole school community has shown.

We have tried a number of temporary repairs to enable us to re-open the school, but these have not held for long enough to be sure that we could remain open. Castle Academy is an old building and the pipes serving our main boiler have given way during this latest cold spell. To refit these pipes safely and reliably can take a number of weeks and this had been planned for the 2022 Summer holidays. Unfortunately, this was not soon enough.

On Wednesday 26th January, a generator and cabling will be installed in the school to allow us to run electrical heaters in the classrooms, whilst maintaining good ventilation as part of our COVID-19 protection measures. We hope that the repairs we have made to the pipes will hold and this generator will not be needed, but it provides us with a reliable back-up so that we can try to avoid any future closures.

In order to keep children safe, there will be some restrictions to use of the grounds whilst the generator is on-site and we will communicate these once the installation is completed on Wednesday.

Thank you once again for your support.

Yours sincerely,

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