



Thursday 18th April 2024

Dear Parent/Carers

RE: Arrangements for School Closure - Monday 22nd April, Tuesday 23rd April and Wednesday 24th April

Late on Wednesday afternoon a gas leak was identified within the school grounds. This was immediately sealed off, the leak stopped and emergency services called. During the evening the fire brigade and gas contractors declared the site safe, allowing us to open today. I would like to reassure you that the safety of pupils and staff is paramount and will remain so during the coming days. I have met with the engineers who have been on site throughout today and they have assessed the situation.

Due to the nature of supply chains it is likely that the gas contractor will be waiting for parts to arrive before any repairs can begin. Whilst the order for parts will be placed today they are not able to give exact timelines for delivery. It does mean the repairs are not able to begin until Monday morning at the earliest.

With this in mind, for tomorrow (Friday) I would ask that you again provide your child with a packed lunch for the day. There will be the facility to purchase drinks, small chilled snack items such as fruit pots and a limited supply of cold snack foods, however stock will be limited at this time. Those pupils who are in receipt of free school meals will be provided with a packed lunch meal and should collect that from the canteen at lunch time.

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In events such as these we are able to continue to keep the school open for a short period of time whilst we assess the situation and allow parent/carers sufficient time to arrange childcare provision. With that in mind I intend to keep the school open tomorrow, however I have to provide you notice that the school will be required to close for three days whilst repairs are carried out and a hot water supply can be restored to the school site. If the contractors are able to complete the repairs in a shorter period of time it is my intention to open the school earlier. Please continue to check your emails and Etonbury social media accounts for updates.

Free School Meals

Check the parent bulletin tomorrow where we will share arrangements for free school meal provision.

Remote learning - Years 5-12

Teachers will be setting lessons as per the pupils timetable for each day of the closure. The work for every hour will be set using our digital platform of Google Classroom. Pupils should ensure tonight that they have access to all the Google Classrooms for their subjects and contact their class teacher via email if they require the access code.

Further information regarding remote learning will be published in our parent bulletin tomorrow.

Year 10 Examinations

At this time we intended to run the Year 10 examination timetable as published for Thursday 25th and Friday 26th April as normal. Examinations scheduled during the closure days will be rearranged for the following week. Further details will be shared in due course.

Year 11 GCSE PE Moderation

This will go ahead as planned on Tuesday 23rd April, however alternative venue arrangements will be shared with parents in due course.

We appreciate your ongoing support as we try to keep disruption to a minimum for our families.

Regards

Mrs Jo Young
Principal

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