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7th October 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSURE – YEARS 7-11 – TUESDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2019

Unfortunately, I have no option but to close the school to students in Years 7-11 on Tuesday 8th October. School will remain open for our Sixth Form students. This decision has arisen due to major difficulties with our gas supply to all buildings other than our Sixth Form Block, leaving the vast majority of the school without heating. Unfortunately this means that classrooms are falling below the minimum temperature recommended for the health and safety of staff and students.

I sincerely apologise for the inconvenience this decision will cause parents and carers. Please be assured that every effort has and will be made to rectify the issues as soon as possible. Whilst normal lessons will not take place, we are able to heat one classroom to supervise and support a small number of students for parents/carers who are unable to organise alternate childcare. In such circumstances, please contact school reception to alert us that your child will be in school and send them into school as normal.

Tomorrow, Tuesday October 8th, work will continue to rectify the gas supply. We expect the heating to be functioning in West Building tomorrow but it may take a further day before heating is restored to North and East buildings. We hope to return to normal on Wednesday 9th October. However, if we only have part of the site in use, we will open to years 11, 12 and 13 only. I will provide an update by mid-day Tuesday via text, social media and website.

All staff will be in school as normal throughout this period.

I apologise again for the inconvenience caused and thank you in advance for your patience and support while we are working hard to fix the current problem.

Best wishes,

Ms E Leaman
Headteacher