

12<sup>th</sup> February 2009

Dear Parent

I am very sorry that I had to close the school again this week. It is particularly annoying that the closure due to power failure happened so soon after the 2 day closure due to the snow. I realise that this has been very inconvenient for you and I am so very grateful for your support in ensuring the boys could be dismissed from the school premises. The power failure we experienced on Tuesday shut down the heating, the majority of classrooms had no lighting, the flush mechanisms on the toilets were not functioning and we had no IT systems.

You will remember from my previous letter that the intermittent fault from which we have been suffering could only be traced by shutting the power down completely and by EDF 'pressure testing' the entire system.

Unfortunately, owing to the number of failures EDF was dealing with on Tuesday, they have not carried out the work they promised. The power was restored by once again replacing the fuse in the substation which is not a permanent solution.

However, the good news is that EDF has recognised that we cannot continue like this. They have now delivered a generator which can supply the school's power needs. This is to be fully installed over half term and should allow EDF to carry out proper investigations into the fault without interrupting our supply. This is a great relief and should mean we do not have to close the school again. I will update you regularly through the newsletter.

Thank you for your co-operation and support.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher