

Hele's School

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Wednesday, 5 January, 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

Late this afternoon, we discovered a gas meter leak which has necessitated an immediate shut down pending urgent works. The school is safe and repair work is under way, but this shut down means that one of our main boilers is out of action and consequently there is no heating or hot water available in key areas of the building.

Several teaching areas - namely Science, Food Technology, Drama and the indoor PE changing rooms - have no heating or access to hot water at present. This is likely to continue into the weekend. The School Kitchen and Canteen area is also impacted, and no access to hot water means we are unable to provide any food for the rest of this week.

Arrangements for all year groups, except for Year 8:

- **Students must bring a packed lunch** with them for the remainder of this week as no food will be available on site (students who are in receipt of a free school meal will be able to collect a pre-packed lunch every day, as normal)
- Classes in the affected areas (Science, Food Technology, Drama) will be re-roomed into another area of the school – please note that some of these rooms may well be colder than usual, so students should wear an underlayer (such as a T-shirt or vest) under their shirt. They will be allowed to keep their coat on in lessons, if appropriate.

Year 8 students:

- Year 8 students should continue to attend their LFT appointments as planned tomorrow, Thursday 6th January
- The **return to school day for Year 8 students is now Monday 10th January** (and not Friday 7th as originally planned)
- Year 8 will be set work to complete via Assignments on MS Teams on Thursday 6th and Friday 7th

Please rest assured that we are making every effort to minimise disruption to learning and we are hopeful that we will have all year groups back on site to resume learning by Monday. We will keep you informed of any further developments via email and our usual school media channels.

Thank you for your patience and understanding in this matter; it is a frustrating situation for all and I've no doubt this will cause families some inconvenience, but we are determined to keep school open and safely functioning for as many students as possible, even if it means some short-term compromises.

Kind regards,

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