



Church Drive Primary School

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SCHOOL CLOSURE TUESDAY 16TH AND WEDNESDAY 17TH JANUARY 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to apologise for any inconvenience caused regarding school being closed today. The decision was made on the grounds of health and safety. I would like to provide you with a clear explanation as to why it has been deemed necessary to close the school now for two days under current guidance.

On our return to school on Monday 8th January (INSET Day), it was discovered that the suspended ceiling in the Year 6 classroom (Miss Gillen) had bowed. The decision was made on that day to remove all belongings and equipment from the classroom and base the children in Miss Gillen's class in the School Gym Hall for an interim period. There had been no prior inclination that there was an issue with the roof, following CIF roof works three years ago and recent electric work fitting new alarms and lighting last year.

The room was sealed off on Monday 8th January, a risk assessment was put in place and we were in the process of getting quotes to repair the ceiling above the suspended ceiling. The suspended ceiling was removed on Friday. On Monday evening, during the night the ceiling collapsed causing significant internal damage to the classroom, affecting the electrics, alarms and heating system throughout school. I would like to reassure you the roof is intact, it appears it is the ceiling joints that may have been the cause of the problem hidden by the plaster.

This morning school reported we had closed due to the heating until we could gather further information, to reduce any unnecessary concern. I am writing to inform you that we are working today to get a structural engineer in to check the ceiling and address the issues around electrics and heating.

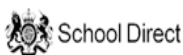
As a school, it is our duty of care to ensure all measures have been put in place before allowing pupils and staff to return to work. I am sorry for any inconvenience caused and we will keep you updated regarding the school re-opening on Thursday. To support home education, all pupils have log ins to Times Tables Rockstars Multiplication or Numblocks and BBC Bitesize can provide additional educational support. We would also encourage reading at home with your child. In our Homework Policy located on the school web site there is a list of educational resources your child can access over the next two days, if you wish to do so.

Thank you in advance for your understanding on this matter, the health and safety of our pupils and staff is paramount.

Kind regards

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