

15th January 2010

Dear Parents

My sincere apologies that the school has had both full and partial closures since we returned in January. Unfortunately a set of exceptional circumstances including treacherous weather conditions and burst pipes in the New Block have resulted in a very disruptive start to the Spring Term. We are endeavouring to remedy the problems as quickly as possible and all pupils are in school from Monday 17th January. We are still without five classrooms for at least another week but will make room changes on a daily basis to ensure all pupils receive their full entitlement of specialist teaching. However, looking ahead, we note that some draft calendars have the 25th January as an INSET day. This will no longer be the case and all students will be in school on this day to recapture some much needed lost teaching time. If you had this date in your calendar **please remove it** as an INSET day. I have attached an updated 'At a Glance' calendar to ensure all parents are working to the same school dates.

In the Summer Term we have been informed that Thursday 6th May has been designated for local municipal elections and were there to be a general election it is possible that it may also fall on this day. We have therefore decided, again to minimise disruption, to move our remaining INSET day from Tuesday 4th May to Friday 7th May. It is felt that in this situation this will provide improved continuity and again minimise disruption to our students.

We will send further information about these dates and other events at the start of the Summer term.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher