

Our Ref: MMc / JMc

21st November 2025

Dear Parents and carers,

Heating update: A pressure monitoring device has been fitted to the school heating system that will top up the water in the system should it fall below 1.5 bar. The drop in pressure has been causing the heating to fail. At this time the leak(s) which engineers suspect may be the reason for the drop in pressure, have not been located, but work is ongoing. Unfortunately, the heating boilers themselves failed last night (a new issue) and would not restart this morning. Engineers are onsite to-day to resolve that issue, whilst still trying to locate the leak(s). Some parents have asked why has residential closed but school remained open? Earlier this week it was a real possibility that both areas of school would have to close. However, during the day the site team were able to quickly restore heat. The site team are not available during the evening and overnight to do this. Once the heating goes off school loses heat at a much slower rate than residential as a result of the heating system design.

The heating is up and running and the engineer, now that the top up pump is in place, sees no reason why residential cannot open. The risk is that from 4:00pm this afternoon, if the heating fails, we may not know until Monday morning. I will check the heating on Sunday afternoon. If there is an issue, residential managers will be in touch. If you do not hear anything, then I will be re-opening residential next week. I am as equally frustrated as you about the reliability of the heating over these last 11 weeks, but I am reassured that the engineers are doing their utmost to find a permanent solution. Thank you for your patience.

Alice in Wonderland Coffee morning: Thank you for those family members who were able to attend the coffee morning today. Mrs Artess, Literacy coordinator, is flying the flag to promote literacy in all its forms across school and is trying to raise funds to provide opportunities for pupils to be able to see a pantomime later this term. We have had a number of generous offers of support, including from The Grange School, where the Panto will be staged. After this morning, Mrs Artess reports that the total is almost **£670**. Thank you again for the generosity of your time and donations. I hope you enjoyed the morning. Apologies for my absence on this occasion and a huge thank you from me to Mrs Artess, the sixth form team and pupils.

Have a safe weekend.
Take care,

Mr McCann
Head Teacher



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