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Re: School Closures

Dear Parents,

I would like to thank you all for your co-operation and support during a challenging day on Friday. As a working parent, I can sympathise with the inconvenience and worry an unavoidable school closure can bring – it was certainly not a problem I wanted to address on my first week as Headteacher.

It seems as though the torrential rain on Friday morning may have led to some debris to fall from the roof.

During these times it is often the 'best, worst decision' that has to be made and I want to assure you that a school closure is a last resort when it is the only way to ensure the safety of our children. These decisions are never made in isolation and I spent much of Friday gathering information and advice from all manner of external experts based at Lancashire County Council and beyond.

I was informed on Friday that the equipment needed to repair the roof and to make a full evaluation of the state of the site would not be available until Monday morning when a large cherry-picker will be brought to the premises. For this reason, the extensive equipment on site and the compromise of fire-exits it was decided that it was best for school to remain closed on Monday.

I am hoping that by Tuesday we will be 'back to normal' or alternative arrangements will have been put in place using other on-site premises under the guidance of Lancashire Health and Safety.

Information will be provided as soon as it becomes available – I know that this is vital to your children's education and for logistically planning. I will be available on Monday to answer any concerns or enquires.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter from myself, the school staff and school governors.

Kind regards,

Sarah Annette.