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Dear Parents 17 December 2015

## **School Closure**

Further to our letter sent on 12 December and to our letter sent on 14 December we can now provide you with an update with regard the electrical fault which resulted in our having to close the school this week.

We had hoped that a generator would have been installed at school on Wednesday but for a variety of reasons this did not prove possible. We are pleased to say that a generator will arrive and be installed tomorrow – Friday 18 December.

Following the various site visits undertaken by electricians this week and the installation of a generator tomorrow, we understand that work will take place during the school holidays to replace the faulty cables running from the meter cupboard in the Early Years playground to the circuit cupboard in the school. This will involve digging a trench through the Early Years playground so that the new cables can be laid. We have been assured that the works will be completed in time for the start of the Spring term even though we are entering the holiday period.

All staff were very pleased to see so many children this morning and were delighted that they were able to wish them a merry Christmas in person.

We have been really grateful for the understanding that has been shown by you to the school and staff over the course of the past few days. We can only repeat what we have said in our previous communications, that we are so sorry that we are in this position as we understand the difficulties that this has caused for so many of you. You will however appreciate that it is something which is completely outside our control. We are also very grateful to staff who have been in school this week working in difficult circumstances with only one classroom having power.

Please be assured that we have been working very hard behind the scenes to ensure that the school will be up and running at the earliest possible opportunity.

For all those of you who have children attending Breakfast Club and WACCY, you will be reimbursed for those days that the school was closed.

May we take this opportunity of again wishing you a merry Christmas and a happy new year!

Your sincerely, Katharine Ellwood Headteacher

Elizabeth O'Reilly Chair of Governors

