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Dear Parents,

Flood Damage

As we come to the end of the third week since our school flooded I would firstly like to share with you how proud we are of your children who have all adapted amazingly well to new school routines and changes to their learning environment.

Many of you may have seen the drying equipment being removed from the school site yesterday. Unfortunately, this is not because the drying process is completed but because it transpires that further work is needed to scarify the floors as a high quantity of moisture remains trapped in them. This additional work is, of course, going to take further time and delay our return into the damaged parts of building. We are working closely with West Sussex and contractors exploring the possibility of getting temporary classrooms on site which would ease existing pressure enormously. I will update you on this once I have any further news.

COVID-19

We currently also have a significant COVID outbreak in school amongst pupils and staff. Today we are six members of the staff team down (and our supply teacher has also cancelled due to COVID!). We will, as always, continue to do all we can to keep the school open but if the outbreak continues to grow, and staff remain unwell, affected classes may have to return to remote learning for a short period of time. This is clearly not what any of us want and will be an absolute last resort, but with the pressures of COVID, as well as the current difficulties with learning on two separate sites, we thought best to mention this may have to be a consideration. As always, our highest priority is the safety and wellbeing of your children and we will continue to do all we can to ensure learning continues in school for all pupils.

We really appreciate the kind offers of help that we have received today and will be in touch as soon as we have a clearer picture of the situation next week. Thank you everyone for your support and understanding during this tricky time for our school.

Kindest regards,

Adrian King