

14 February 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Woodlands - Fuel Spillage

Over the course of the weekend approximately 1500 litres of red diesel have leaked from the generator fuel tanks onto the school grounds. Our site team notified us when they arrived on site on Monday morning. They were immediately in contact with the fire service and environmental health for support in assessing the seriousness of the incident. As well as leaving us once again without heat in a number of our classrooms, we had no alternative but to close the site whilst the level of contamination of the site was investigated.

Throughout the day, the Local Authority has been working closely with us to minimise disruption. They have teams on site to carry out an investigation, make the relevant assessments and start the clean-up. The generator, together with its wooden housing, are being replaced over the course of today and tomorrow, with the rest of the work being carried out as quickly as possible to ensure the site is once again safe to open.

We are very conscious of the number of times we have had to close the site over recent months, especially due to the boiler issues we have faced. It is our intention that the site will be fully accessible to all students later in the week. However, we are aware that some students have faced significant impact due to class closures this term due to heating and Covid issues. We will be prioritising getting these students into school in the first instance. Parents of those students who are invited into school should note that there is no access to the car park and that entry to the school will be through the courtyard double gates on Queensbridge Road.

We will be contacting you as soon as we have further information. I apologise for this further disruption to your child's education, but hope you will appreciate that this is totally outside the school's control.

Yours sincerely

Charlotte Stubbs
Headteacher