

## **Further CEO Letter to Parents and Carers**

6<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to give you an update following my letter of 4<sup>th</sup> February and the separate note sent by Mr Jones yesterday. We have taken a further deep look at the issues we've faced, in order try to find timely solutions.

### **Let's start with better news**

Since we first closed, we have continued to look at the option of a generator on site and having reviewed it with alternative contractors and following meetings today, this is being put in motion now. It is planned that a generator will be delivered to site on Monday and after some complex temporary installation works, testing can start of the stability of the power supply from that into school. It is likely that this may mean ordering additional cable to have sufficient capacity for the load required (which is not ordinarily required), but this should be available on quick next day supply.

Therefore, during Tuesday, we hope that a full incoming electricity supply will be restored to Leycroft from the generator, to allow us to test powering up systems, to see whether we can have all equipment functioning normally. If this proves to be the case, we will re-open on Wednesday. We will advise you where we stand, at the earliest opportunity during Tuesday.

### **Some further positive possibilities**

Over the weekend and during Monday, we will develop plans, having re-looked at our options at adjacent or nearby schools, to offer some provision at both Tile Cross Academy (who offered their facilities) and The Heights Academy (which is within our Trust). We will contact parents & carers to offer this, which will be a 2-hour learning and respite session, but these will require parents to bring and collect children to the relevant location. We are developing secure plans for welfare facilities, activities and food. Our intention is to communicate over the weekend what that offer will look like. I regret that we will not be able to offer something to everyone, at this stage. When we ask, we will appreciate your feedback whether you would like to take us up on that offer.

In addition, school is planning a series of home visits, which won't be available to everyone, but again tells us if this might work for you. A form will come out for you to respond to.

We are still exploring what can be offered to those pupils & families who these options are out of reach to.

## **Current position on the long-term solution**

Work has had to be suspended on the work to instal both “torpedo” joints, due to a combination of the extreme rainfall and water ingress into the trenches dug to expose the electrical cables. One installation has been successfully completed. We are advised by the contractor, who has been reviewing things daily, that they are pumping water out as fast as it is flowing in and they do not see this situation changing over the next few days. To install and seal the “torpedos”, they need to have bone-dry cables, otherwise there is a risk that the new fittings will fail, and we will be back at square-one again.

No-one is standing around doing nothing, I can assure you. We have numerous contractors working hard on solutions, but I regret that the weather has been against us, therefore, we re-visited and expanded our options again to find these updated solutions, which are outlined above.

Contractors will continue to review daily the weather and site conditions, so that the completion of those planned works can be achieved. The generator will remain on site until we are completely assured that the long-term fix is secure.

## **Thank You**

Thank you again for your patience, understanding, and resilience as this challenging period continues. Our staff, contractors, and Trust colleagues continue to work tirelessly to resolve this issue, and your support has been appreciated.

We look forward to welcoming pupils back as soon as it is safe to do so and will provide a further update on the installation of the generator as soon as possible on Tuesday.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Dilkes', written in a cursive style.

**Simon Dilkes**  
Chief Executive Officer