

Longdean School

A Mathematics and Computing Academy

Part of the East Dacorum Co-operative Learning Trust

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Dear parents and guardians

I am writing to update you on the incident that occurred in school today and inform you of the arrangements for tomorrow and the rest of the week.

This morning we experienced a small fire in one of the technology classroom spaces. This activated both the fire alarm and sprinkler system. All students and adults on site evacuated in a calm and orderly way and were registered on the playground. The decision was then made to close the school due to the surface water in the building and the extensive time needed to ensure that the school was safe to enter. At this point all students and staff were moved to the sports hall whilst parents and carers were contacted.

I am pleased to report that drying and cleaning the building is now in progress. The fire systems and electrical circuits have been inspected and we will be open as normal tomorrow. I would however like to make the following specific points to parents so they can pass them on to students prior to arriving tomorrow:

- School will be open as usual from 8.15am with an 8.30am start.
- Students are to enter school tomorrow via the canteen and main reception.
- Students will need to avoid the carpeted area between the canteen and Post 16 area. This will be sealed off.
- At break and lunch students are only to be in the canteen if they are purchasing food to eat.
- To access the canteen students will need to go around the back of the school and use the canteen entrance to avoid the carpeted area by Food Technology. This will be the only way to enter the canteen.
- Senior Staff will be on duty before school and at break and lunch to direct students.
- Any students who had to leave possessions in classrooms today will need to collect them from those rooms either before school or once they have registered.
- Students who use the lifts should be aware that the only lift in operation tomorrow will be the lift in B Wing (by English and Mathematics).
- At the end of school students should exit via the main reception and canteen doors.

The Year 8 Geography trip will still go ahead. Students should follow the instructions given to them by their Geography teachers.

I am sure that school will quickly return to normal tomorrow and I would like to thank and commend the students for their maturity and calmness during today's events. I would also like to thank parents for their support and understanding during today.

I look forward to seeing all students in school tomorrow.

Yours faithfully

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