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Dear Parents and Carers,

Due to unforeseeable circumstances we had to close the school due to a major main water leak today. This leak is in a really difficult place in the middle of the corridor area leading to the sports hall, our soft play and the lower school classes 1, 2 and 4.

Our plumbers who know the school building really well were at school this morning. After their initial assessment we have liaised with our work contractors, the LA and our insurance team, to plan the repair work needed and to ensure the site safety. At the moment the different teams will be at school later today (Tuesday) and early tomorrow morning (Wednesday) to assess how the work can be done as quickly as possible.

I truly understand how difficult it is for our students and families when the school is unexpectedly closed. Please find attached a social story to read with your child. The decision to close the school is not taken light heartedly and it is the last option after serious consideration.

Unfortunately it is not possible for us to have the students in the school as this major water leak and its repair will prevent us providing our students with a safe learning environment; we don't have access to fresh water and therefore we can't provide your child with personal care, toilet facilities and school dinner.

It is with regret to inform that the whole school will be closed for the students and the staff tomorrow Wednesday 10th October.

It is likely that the disturbance will continue for the rest of the week for some classes. We will keep you posted about the situation daily.

Yours sincerely

Merja

