

## **Venerable Bede Church of England Academy**

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Dear Parent / Carer

We hope that you are enjoying the half term break. During the half term we have been having some repairs completed in school. Unfortunately, during this work the contractors have cut through the utilities services connections to school. The impact of this is such that we currently have very limited connection to service utilities.

We have been informed that to restore the main services to a level which will allow school to open, and to clear up the damage / mess created, could take up to a week. This means that the current situation is **the school building** will not be able to open next Monday. At this point in time, we hope that we will be able to re-open the school building on Wednesday 3 November. We will keep you updated with any further information as soon as it is available, and if this date changes we will notify you as soon as possible.

So that the education of our pupils is able to continue, we will move to our online learning platform from Monday 1 November. We anticipate that we will be able to deliver "teacher led live lessons" to our pupils following their usual daily timetable for the vast majority of lessons. Where this is not possible, work will be set in FOLDr. This is the same process which we used during the previous "remote education" provision during the last lockdown. We appreciate that our Y7 pupils might need additional support to enable them to access online learning, so all previous instructions on how to access live lessons and how to access FOLDr will be re-circulated to everyone. As always, we will be able to provide online support to anyone who is struggling.

We appreciate that this situation is not what anyone anticipated (including staff in school). However, the safety of pupils and staff must come first. We have been assured by the contractors that they are working as quickly as possible to get the building operational again. Thank you in advance for your understanding and patience as we try to resolve these issues.

Should you have any queries, please make contact using general inquiries page of the school website (CLICK HERE).

Yours faithfully

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Mr. D. Airey Headteacher













