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Dear Parent/Carer

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Re: School is open tomorrow

This morning we opened school to find that a sewage pipe had flooded the following areas: Ruby toilets, the long link corridor, Amethyst, storage cupboards, Sapphire toilets and the Sapphire Learning Zone. Due to health and safety concerns I had to take the decision to partially close the school.

I have spent all day working with external contractors and our insurance company in order to ensure that we can safely open as soon as possible. Obviously, the health and well-being of the children and staff team are of paramount importance.

The industrial specialist cleaning contractor has just left at 3.10pm having confirmed that they are able to deep clean and disinfect the Ruby toilet area first thing tomorrow morning.

This is fantastic news as it means that we can safely open with the following arrangements in place:

Diamond, Emerald and Ruby – still based in their normal learning zones and unaffected.

Sapphire – drop off at fire door next to Emerald as they will be in the hall initially until the Ruby toilet area is dry and operational. They will then move into the Topaz Learning Zone (where after school club is normally held). They should be collected from the Topaz fire door at home time. It is anticipated that they may be in Topaz for the immediate future.

Amethyst will have to move back into Pearl and should be dropped off and collected from the Opal door as you have been doing over previous months. Again, it is likely that they may be in Pearl for the foreseeable future.

As you can imagine, today has been devastating for everyone in school and working flexibly will continue to be a challenge depending upon the extent of the damage and repairs required. This is as yet unknown until the Loss Adjustor attends site to assess the damage.

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Our top priority is to keep the school open and to continue to deliver high quality education to our children.

I would like to thank everyone who has sent messages of support and offers of help – including offers to come in and help to clean the school. Due to the nature of the contaminated waste even myself and the team are not able to carry out the clean. This has to be done by specialist contractors who have been on site this afternoon.

I am afraid, that once again, I have to ask for your patience and understanding while we assess the damage and develop a plan for repairs and refurbishment. As soon as I have more information I will share this with you but for now we look forward to welcoming the children back to school tomorrow.

If you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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