

Northern Parade Schools

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for all your understanding over the last couple of days.

As you all aware, our Infant heating system does not work in Years 1 and 2 and the council had provided us with a number of electric heaters. The issue that we have had this week is that those heaters are drawing too much electricity, due to the exceptionally cold weather and this has caused the main fuse box the keep malfunctioning.

Having spent all of yesterday fitting new low wattage heaters and Portsmouth City Council electricians ensuring our main fuse box is safe, I am pleased to report that we are back on track and have had both heat and electricity all day.

Following the expansion and the new build, the governors are very aware that the next steps are to upgrade the electrical input and heating system. This is all in hand but as you can imagine to replace and/or upgrade a heating and electrical system in two large schools, where it is hard for work to be carried out whilst children are onsite, takes time. Our timescale for completion is Autumn 2019 and therefore we need to manage the existing systems.

Please could you continue to bring Year 1 and Year 2 pupils to the back doors for drop off during this cold spell, as we are keeping classroom doors closed to conserve energy. Collection will be from their normal doors. Do not worry about the morning routine changing, we have plenty of adults on and around the playground. I personally check at 8.50am that all playgrounds are clear and all pupils are in their classroom.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S Wilson Executive Head

