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Dear Parents,

Due to unforeseen repair work school will be closed until 29th March

As you are aware, we have had to close the school for major repair works relating to water leaks in our heating and water pipes. Unfortunately, we are now in a position where more significant work needs to be completed to access the leak. The Health and Safety Executive have been notified due to the nature of the work and a schedule of work has been planned. It is likely that the earliest possible date for opening the school will be Monday 29th March.

We will continue to provide full access to teacher led remote learning in the format that you are currently using during this time and we ask that you would work with us on this to ensure that the children attend zoom meetings and upload work to Class Dojo, as they have been doing during Lockdown.

We know this must be extremely disappointing for parents and children, indeed it has also been a blow for ourselves and the staff at Devonshire, especially as schools around the country are preparing to reopen fully next week. However, this is not at all related to Covid, but because of the health and safety issues of not having water due to essential repair works.

We will of course support our families in any way that we can over the next 3 weeks, including provision of food hampers from our meals provider for those who access Free School Meals due to benefits, and our Pastoral team will be in touch with these families. Unfortunately, the Government voucher scheme ends this week so we will be unable to continue supplying these but will be working closely with our online meal provider to ensure that these are available as needed.

We will keep you informed as work progresses and communications to school are still possible through email, office@devinfacademy.org.uk or office@devjunacademy.org.uk , and text as the office will not be manned for phone calls at this time.

Once again, we want to express our sincere apologies for these circumstances, but they are out of our hands as we wait for the teams on site to address these problems.

We hope to see you all again very soon and have our schools back in full working order as soon as possible. We will stay in touch until this time.

Many thanks for your continued support at this difficult time.

Yours sincerely

Mrs. S. Gibson and Mrs.E. Waldron

Head Teachers of Devonshire Infant and Junior Academies