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Dear Parents and Carers

Heating Repair Works

Recently the school's heating system broke down. We have therefore been relying on storage and fan heaters for warmth ever since.

Before any repairs begin surveys have had to be conducted. These surveys have concluded that it will be necessary to remove the lagging that protects the pipework; unfortunately, this lagging contains asbestos.

Asbestos lagging is quite common in buildings of this age, and we wanted to reassure you that the works will be carried out safely by a qualified and competent contractor under licence from the Health and Safety Executive.

The asbestos removal works will be carried out over a three-day period from 6th to 8th December. Works to replace damaged pipework and get the heating back up and running will follow during week commencing 11th December.

Please be assured that extensive risk assessments have taken place, and the site will be safe during this period. The Trust has stringent asbestos management procedures in place and works only with reputable and approved asbestos removal contractors. The area being worked on will be isolated and fully enclosed at all times, and there will be a decontamination unit positioned at the rear of the school.

We thank you for your understanding. Please be assured that every measure is being taken to ensure the safety of the children and the staff and minimise the disruption to pupils' education and the school day.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any further questions.

Kind regards,

John Harrison Head of Estates and Facilities QEGSMAT Rachel Linton Headteacher