



Dear Parents / Carers,

I am very sad to tell you that Hurst Hill Primary School was broken into last night. The thieves accessed the school via the roof and then proceeded to steal some of the copper piping in the ceiling vaults. This caused a large flood throughout Years 3 and 4, the school library, the corridors, The Mill, the school hall and the corridors leading down to the main entrance of school. Not only did this cause a significant amount of damage it also meant that we have had no water or heating.

Thankfully, the piping has now been fixed so the water supply has been restored and heating is back on, helping to dry out the carpets. The staff have worked extremely hard all day, clearing up water, drying out the affected areas and trying to salvage books and equipment. Complete drying will take a lot longer but, as a result of all the hard work, the school will be fine to be open tomorrow as follows:

- Y1,2 and 5 will all return to school tomorrow, Thursday 3rd December (with the exception of 5 x Y2 pupils who are self-isolating)
- Y3, 4 and 6 will return to school, as planned, on Monday 7th December
- Reception will return to school, as planned, on Wednesday 9th December
- Nursery will return to school, as planned, on Friday 11th December (with the exception of 2 pupils who have previously been sent a text message)

If your child is self-isolating because they (or someone they live with) has symptoms or has tested positive then you must still not return to school. Please speak to the school office if you are unsure.

It is difficult enough with Coronavirus, in current times, to ensure that your child's education is not affected. To have a burglary cause this amount of damage and to affect your children's education once again, is extremely frustrating for us as a school, and I am sure for all parents reading this letter.

I ask that if you have any information that may be of use to the police with their enquiries then please contact Crime Stoppers on 0800 555111 and your information can be given confidentially. Alternatively, you can ring West Midlands police directly on 111. We would like the community to support us to try and catch these criminals.

As you all know, we are investing heavily in the future of Hurst Hill and this can be physically seen in the new windows and doors. We care very much for our school and want it to be the best environment for your children to attend. We encourage our community to pull together during these difficult times and thank all parents for your support.

We look forward to seeing all pupils back in school
Very best wishes

Mrs R Keen

