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Dear Parent/Carer

9th October 2023

Re: Update on Heating Problems

I am writing to update you regarding the heating problems we are experiencing in school. Last week Eddison's mechanical engineers attended school to see if they could perform a temporary fix on the burst pipe and try to get the heating working until the bigger project begins. Unfortunately, the heating pipe work is so badly corroded that the pipe is really fragile and will not withstand any work being carried out on it.

On Thursday the Trust bought 10 electric heaters which we are using to heat the Learning Zones and offices to keep the school at an acceptable temperature. All electric heaters were PAT tested on Thursday by qualified electricians. Obviously, this is an extremely expensive way to heat the school but does mean that we can avoid having to close and move to remote learning which I know everyone wants to avoid.

Work begins on the re-piping of the whole heating system on Monday 16th October 2023 and will take between 6-8 weeks to complete. Not only are we having to re-pipe the heating system above ground, we are also having to replace some of the older radiators which are no longer compatible with the new pipe work. This is a huge job and will cause some disruption over the coming weeks and up to Christmas.

I have a planning meeting with the contractors later this week and will have a clearer plan about Learning Zone moves and implications for the daily operation of the school. I will share this detail with you later this week.

This whole re-pipe and new radiator project is costing approximately £150,000 which is being funded by the Trust – and we are extremely grateful for that.

In addition, the Trust have also offered to buy every child and adult in school a hoodie to help us to keep warm. The school will be kept at an acceptable temperature but it will not be as warm as normal and therefore if you would like to order a FREE hoodie for your child please complete the

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order form attached and return it to the school office by Friday 13th October 2023 which is the date the order will be placed.

The hoodies will be navy blue and will have the school logo on them.

Please bear in mind that the school will not be as warm as we are used to and therefore please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather conditions. The forecast for the next couple of weeks remains mild but we all know what Weardale Winters can be like.

If you have any queries or concerns regarding the heating arrangements please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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Stanhope Barrington Hoodie Order Form

Please complete and return before Friday 13th October 2023:

I would like to order one FREE hoodies – please circle one of the sizes below:

3-4 years

5-6 years

7-8 years

9-10 years

11- 12 years

This hoodies is for:(child's name)

Learning Zone:

Signed:.....(parent/carer)

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