



Fairlands Middle School

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7 July 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

A massive thank you for all your support and understanding this afternoon. Closing a school is never an easy decision to make, especially after the year we have experienced so far!

Today's heavy rainfall and flash flooding has caused some significant flooding and damage to a number of our classrooms and circulation areas. The flooding appears to have been caused by storm drains being unable to cope with the volume of water and "backing up" to our Fairlands site as a result. Despite the best efforts of a number of our staff, we still have areas under water and resulting water damage. This, therefore, leaves us with a significant Health and Safety risk to all site users. As a result, Fairlands **will be closed to all pupils tomorrow, Thursday 8th July**. A further assessment will take place tomorrow and I plan to communicate with all families about arrangements for Friday 9th July as soon as possible.

I have asked teaching staff to move to remote teaching for tomorrow. This means that all pupils should follow their normal timetable, including tutor time. Links to the lessons will be found through the MicroSoft Teams calendar, or via an Edmodo link. Tomorrow's Sports Day events will obviously be postponed and rescheduled for next week.

Thank you for your understanding as we work to ensure that our site is safe for the pupils to return.

Yours sincerely

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Safeguarding Children is everyone's responsibility.

If you are worried about any child please make an appointment to see either Helen Heffernan, Designated Safeguarding Lead or Robert Cooling, Felicity Grant, Sally Virgin, Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads
Alternatively, you can phone NPSCC: 0808 800 5000 Somerset Direct: 0300 123 2224