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Dear Parents / Carers

Following the letter to all parents and carers from Mr Billingham about the closure of the school due to electrical issues, the Local Authority would like to add its sincere apologies for the break in the education for Fullwood pupils and the inconvenience for parents and carers, because of the school closure this week.

As Mr Billingham outlined in his letter to you, the school continues to experience significant electrical issues which 'trip' fuses within the main switchboard in the school, effectively overloading the system and making it inoperable. The Local Authority is working in conjunction with UK Power Networks and the school's electricity provider to try and resolve the issues as quickly as possible. The Local Authority's engineers are currently assessing what is effectively causing the overloading on the system with specialist data logging equipment to ensure that the electrical switchgear can cope with the demand from the school with the normal margins expected. Alongside this the Local Authority will begin the installation of a separate external electrical generator tomorrow. This will minimise the risk of ongoing system overloading by reducing the demand on the main system switchgear while further works are carried out to strengthen the resilience of the school's electrical systems.

We regret that this work means that the school remains closed for pupils this week. We recognise that an unplanned closure of this nature is difficult for pupils, and frustrating for you as parents and carers because of both the inconvenience and uncertainty it causes. However, having considered the situation in conjunction with the school, we have agreed that the school needs to be sure that the overloading onto the system is identified and addressed before pupils can return.

The Local Authority will complete both the testing and the introduction of additional measures to secure a resilient electrical supply to the school this week, with the intention of allowing the school to re-open to pupils next week. As Mr Billingham outlined in his letter we will work in conjunction with the school throughout the week to determine progress with these urgent

works and the reduction in the risk of system overload.

We will update parents and carers further on Friday November 2nd to advise all of you about the arrangements for providing education to all pupils from the beginning of next week.

Yours sincerely

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