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Dear Parents/Carers

Friday 29 January 2016

Once again can I take the opportunity to apologise for the unexpected problem with the gas supply. Due to the severity of the issue, after taking advice from Transco, I was left with no alternative but to close until the fault was rectified; which it was on Friday evening.

I am aware that one or two parents did not receive the message of the school closure. For this I apologise but can I urge all parents to ensure school has up to date contact information for you.

Forest School

As you will be aware from our recent OFSTED report, Forest School was highly praised for the manner in which it supports our school curriculum. It develops clear links with English and Mathematics and allows children to apply skills learned in a range of subjects. We are incredibly lucky to have such a resource as Forest School and it is a fundamental part of our curriculum. As it is part of the school curriculum, all children take part from Reception to Year 6. Timetables are on the website and children have the same sessions each week.

Forest School is not an "optional extra" and children are unable to opt out of lessons unless the reason is accompanied with an official medical note. School ensures children are appropriately dressed for outdoor learning but feel free to send additional outdoor wear or change of clothes for your child's Forest School days.

Home School Agreement and Parent's Code of Conduct

Please find attached the Bedlington Partnership of Schools Home School Agreement. This agreement has been drawn up by Headteachers of all 15 schools in the partnership. The agreement outlines the "contract" and expectations of school, family and children at any of the schools within the partnership. Please take some time to read through the Agreement with your child and return the acknowledgement slip attached to the school office.

In addition is the Bedlington Partnership of Schools – Parent Code of Conduct. Again, all headteachers have agreed to this due to the increases in threatening and aggressive behaviour towards school staff that have been recorded in schools across the partnership over recent months. This behaviour has included abuse over social network sites as well as in person.

Yours sincerely,

**Mr A Miller  
Headteacher**