

22nd April 2024

Dear Parent/Guardians,

Unfortunately, after liaison with our Trust, we have been forced to make the decision to close the school tomorrow. We are still experiencing difficulties with our water supply, specifically hot water. Whilst closing the school is the last thing we wish to do, we have taken guidance from the following sources, as well as contacting both the Department for Education and Public Health England.

- *The Public Health Agency:* <https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/news/maintaining-hygiene-schools-nurseries-playgroups-and-child-minders-no-water-supply>
- *Health and Safety Executive:* See attached document entitled *HSE*
- *The School Premises (England) Regulations 2012:* <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2012/1943/made> (Paragraph 9.3)
- *The School Premises (England) Regulations 2012 – these regulations apply to schools maintained by local authorities in England (including pupil referral units)*
<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2012/1943/made>

We are endeavouring to fix this issue immediately, ensuring we can attempt to secure a full school opening from Wednesday 24th April. In doing so, we currently have contractors and engineers, in school, tackling the issue, including sourcing relevant parts.

Furthermore, we will continue to provide online learning for all students tomorrow. All learning resources will be available via *Show My Homework*, which students can access via their school accounts. Teachers will be setting work for each lesson that appear normally on each student's school timetable.

If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact the school. We will be monitoring our enquiries email (enquiries@stowhigh.com), however, we will not be able to answer the phones in reception as the site will be closed with the exception of site staff and some SLT, as per the guidance above.

Should any information change we will keep you updated as soon as possible.

Kind regards

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