



# ABBOT'S LEA SCHOOL

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Dear Families

## **Ref: School emergency closure due to water supply problem**

I am writing to confirm that, due to the ongoing unresolved problem with the water supply at our school (and reportedly other private properties and schools in the area), we have decided that we cannot operate safely without reliable water supply on site, and so, we will remain closed to the students for the rest of the term.

I realise that this is very disappointing and will likely cause difficulties for the working families – for that I am very sorry.

I do, however, wish to stress that without drinking water and fully operational toilets and handwashing facilities, it would simply not be safe to open and risk people's health at this precarious time of year, and in light of current NHS services and, this week, some ambulance services availability.

I also know that many of our students and families need clarity this evening on whether or not the school is open and, as the problem is still persisting and utilities provider advised they have no estimated time of completion of their enquiries into the repair, I would have to leave the decision until just before the school's opening time tomorrow. This would, I know, cause a lot of anxiety and uncertainty – the last thing our students and families need.

Therefore, with regret, we will remain closed tomorrow and Wednesday morning. The staff will be available via their email addresses and all meetings scheduled to take place on site will be changed into Zoom appointments, if possible, or re-scheduled to take place in early January 2023.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this unprecedented situation.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Ania Hildrey  
Headteacher