



# King's Norton Boys' School

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Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

The intention of this letter is to share some issues we are facing with the school site, and the measures we are taking to ensure site safety.

At the end of our half term break we encountered problems which required immediate action. Our bells stopped working, therefore in order to be in a position to open on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November we needed to take swift action. I would like to thank our site team, School Business Manager and Birmingham City Council Infrastructure team for their speedy response. As a result, our break-glass and fire detection system remain operational, and a clear emergency evacuation plan is in place if required. I assure you that if this had not been the case, we would not currently be open to students.

To implement a permanent solution will take a significant amount of work from external contractors. When this work commences, we will have no fire alarm or fire detection facilities. We cannot justify opening during this essential repair, therefore, school will be closed on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November. This date has been selected to allow families time to make suitable arrangements, organise the delivery of the replacement parts and allow for contingency time over the weekend if we hit any issues. Please be aware that contractors will be on site on Thursday completing preparatory work though this will not affect the emergency procedures we have put in place.

An unscheduled closure is not ideal; I am aware of the disruption it will cause to our families. However, the safety of our boys has to be our priority.

We have also had a second site issue with our drains, and there has been a similar issue on Northfield Road. We have scheduled drainage work in our carpark to coincide with the planned school closure on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November to minimise disruption. We hope that this will alleviate our on-site issues. Please be reassured that during these sporadic difficulties we have been able to maintain sanitary standards and ensure affected areas have been quarantined. If these problems persist or deteriorate we will update you.

Yours sincerely,

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