

19th December 2022



**The South Wolds
Academy
and Sixth Form**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Heating issues

Unfortunately, the boilers in a significant part of the school are not working and we are unable to get engineers out until tomorrow to investigate the situation. As the weather is warmer today and to avoid disruption to families we have taken the decision to stay fully open, however the weather tomorrow is not forecast to be as mild and conditions in school currently are quite cold in places. We have already moved classes around where we can to ensure all children can learn in heated spaces, but this is not a long term solution. To allow students to work in heated classrooms all day, we will be instigating a partial school closure tomorrow, Tuesday 20th December.

What does this mean?

- Years 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 will be asked to stay at home tomorrow and learn remotely. Work will be set by their teachers using Google Classroom and there is an expectation that students complete this within the usual timings of the school day. Importantly, any Year 11 student who is still completing their mock examinations will be required to attend, to ensure they complete their full set of mock papers.
- All work for these students will be set via Google Classroom. If your child has not joined the correct classes then the codes will be available on Satchel One. There are instructions on how to use the Google Classroom on the [school website](#).
- The school will be open to Years 7 and 8 and these students will be expected to attend as normal. They will be allowed to wear extra layers, including Christmas jumpers if they wish, under their blazers, otherwise normal uniform rules will apply. They will all be taught in heated rooms and therefore should not need to dress any differently to a typical winter day.
- We have made arrangements for students who are eligible to receive free school meals as follows:
 - Students who live in Keyworth can collect a cold packed lunch between 10 - 11am tomorrow morning. Students should report to the main reception please.
 - Students who catch a bus to school have already been offered the opportunity to take home a ready-made lunch, which can be refrigerated at home and eaten tomorrow.

Please accept my apologies for any inconvenience that this may cause and I will update you again on Tuesday afternoon as soon as I have further information.

Yours sincerely

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