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Dear Parents/Carers,

As things stand right now, **we will be opening as normal on Monday 11th October.** However, I thought you would appreciate having the full facts about the ongoing situation with our Western Power electricity supply and how it has the potential to affect us.

As you can probably imagine, yesterday was a very challenging day for us. But thanks to the excellent attitudes of the pupils and the quick-thinking of our staff, we managed to continue on as best we could under the circumstances. Our teachers reverted to traditional methods of teaching without any technology. Some teachers and pupils even said they enjoyed the novelty of it, although it is not an experiment we intend to repeat any time soon unless we absolutely have to!

Following yesterday's outage (the third in less than a week), we have had many engineers from Western Power on site, at all hours of the day, attempting to diagnose the root of the problem. I will be very honest in telling you that I am no expert in electricals, but Western Power have made it clear to me that it is a problem on their network. There is nothing the school can do. Whatever is causing the problem will not be an easy fix and the generator will need to remain on our school site for at least another week until they have rectified the issue.

We are told that the total outage yesterday was due to three wires coming loose inside the generator. Such a small thing can make a huge difference! While we have had assurances from Western Power that we should have no further issues (and we have everything crossed that we do not), there is always going to be possibility of further disruption when we are having to run a whole school off a generator. We urgently hope that we will be back on the mains supply by Monday 18th October 2021.

Thank you for all of your support.

Yours sincerely

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