

8<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

Dear parents, guardians and carers,

We hope that this communication finds you all safe and well during what has been a challenging week.

As we communicated to you earlier this week, the Department of Education have instructed us to close early on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December (12.00pm) to facilitate the ESB disconnecting our temporary generator and installing our permanent mains connection.

We have just received this afternoon, a directive from them instructing both our school and Harold's Cross Educate Together National School to now close for the full day as the required works will actually take a full day to complete.

We fully understand how frustrating it will be for you to receive this news, particularly given that we have been unable to open for two days this week already. We appreciate that this is already a challenging and uncertain time and we apologise in advance for the inconvenience caused to you and your families.

Unfortunately, this decision is very much out of our hands and it is crucial for the Department of Education to have this permanent connection installed as soon as possible in order for them to guarantee a fixed and consistent electricity supply to our school.

All of your children's teachers as well as our Junior Years' Coordinator and Deputy Principal will speak to your children tomorrow to outline the rationale and also emphasise the importance of completing assigned Schoolswise work on Friday during their timetabled lesson time. All assigned work will have clearly outlined learning intentions, will link to current course content being taught in class and next week your children will receive feedback on all of this work.

On a more positive note, our school campus was inspected this morning and there is little to no storm damage. We will open as normal tomorrow at 8.05am. Lessons will commence at 8.20am.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,



Pádraig Conaty  
Principal



Mick Heffernan  
Deputy Principal