



Willow Bank School, Winwick Road, Newton le Willows, Merseyside, WA12 8DE

Headteacher: Ms Anne Kyle

7<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents / Carers

Subject: School Closure Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November - Water Shut Off Notice

We have been advised at short notice by United Utilities that the water supply to the school will be shut off tomorrow Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November. A decision to close school site has been made having considered all options based on the information we have from United Utilities and taking into consideration the Health and Safety implications.

The Local Education Authority at St Helens Council and school governors have consulted health and safety legislation and in line with council contingency planning have advised that school will have to close whilst there is no water supply to the school building. The impact of no water on site means we are unable to provide clean drinking water, toilet facilities and a lunch time service.

Pupils eligible for free school meals will be sent home with a packed lunch this afternoon.

**School will be open as normal on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November and school transport will be operating as usual.**

Online learning activities are available to pupils on the day of action, please see the 'Home Learning' pages on our school website.

<https://www.willowbank.st-helens.sch.uk/> go to **Key Information** and then **Home Learning** where a drop-down menu will appear so your child can choose from a range of online activities.

I'm sorry that you will have to make alternative arrangements for your child at short notice, I understand that this situation may be frustrating, and this decision has not been made lightly.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation and support.

Yours faithfully

Nicola Laughton  
Deputy Headteacher