

Email Sent to All Parents/Carers on Friday, 12 January 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

The information we are able to include in our text messages is limited, so I wanted to get in touch with some more details about what is happening at the school.

Late yesterday morning we noticed a strange smell where the power supply comes into the school. Mr O'Gorman our site manager called our power supplier (UKPN) and arranged for them to come and have a look.

Straight after that phone call we heard a loud popping and saw a blue flash from the electricity meter. We triggered the fire alarm and evacuated the school to make sure that the children and staff were safe.

The fire service arrived within 6 minutes and UKPN very soon after. The electricity meter was overheating and was an immediate fire risk so the power supply to the school was cut off. With no power we had to close the school and this was when we contacted you to ask you to come and collect your children.

The local authority electrical engineer attended site early this morning and confirmed the meter need to be replaced before power can be restored by UKPN.

The responsibility for the meter is sub contracted by the local authority to Scottish Power.

We are chasing Scottish Power to get them to the school as soon as possible; however the initial indication is that this may not be until Monday at the earliest. This is just not good enough, so we have contacted David Butler, Croydon's Director of Education and he and his team are also chasing Scottish Power. In the meantime, we are working with the local authority to explore the option of a generator to be installed.

I am sorry that I can not give you a definite answer to when school will be open again, I know that this is inconvenient and frustrating for you - we are frustrated too.

As soon as we know more we will be in touch so please keep an eye out for text messages or check on the website [www.monksorchard.co.uk](http://www.monksorchard.co.uk) for updates. Thank you for your patience.

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