

1 November 2023

**Dear Parents and Carers** 

Many thanks for your understanding this morning. Unfortunately, we had to make the difficult decision to close the school. As you know, the school lost power along with the local community. Whilst the loss of power in itself would not necessarily be an issue, the school water supply and sewage disposal rely on electrically powered pumps. This means that the students would not be able to use the toilets and the school would not have access to fresh water. We were given an estimated time of power returning at 11am at the earliest. As such, we had to make an early decision to close the school as we would be unable to provide sanitation and food provision at break times would be restricted.

Staff have been asked to set work on Google Classroom when they have power and access to IT systems. Hopefully, when your own homes have power, your children will be able to access the work set.

Again, thank you for your understanding and support.

Yours sincerely

Nortal

Andrew Portas Headmaster

Whitenap Lane Romsey Hampshire SO51 5SY t: 01794 502 502 f: 01794 502 501 e: info@mountbatten.hants.sch.uk w: www.mountbatten.hants.sch.uk Company No. 07560175