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Dear Parent/Carer

As you are aware the recent fire in the surrounding area has resulted in the closure of Wharton Primary School.

Under such circumstances we will carry out risk assessments, taking into account the conditions on site and the local vicinity to ascertain if it is safe to keep the school open.

Please be reassured, where we can, every attempt will always be made to keep the school open in order to minimise disruption to teaching & learning. Although this needs to be assessed against any essential work required to bring the environment of the school site back into full use.

You will be aware that specialist consultants have been working with the city council since the incident and whilst we have been informed that the health risk is low, as a precautionary measure, any debris within the area needs to be removed resulting in the school current closure.

Whilst every attempt is being made to complete the works as soon as possible the advice provided by the specialist company is that the school remains closed for the remaining part of this week in order that a thorough clean- up of the site can be completed. **The current situation is that the school will remain closed until Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November.**

We realise that this is not an ideal situation, however I am sure you can appreciate that the safety of children and staff is paramount and as such we must be led by the professionals carrying out the work.

Your co-operation around this unfortunate incident is very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely



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