



ANAHILT
Primary School



17.2.2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to give you advanced warning that, due to ongoing heating issues, we **MAY have to be closed tomorrow (Wednesday 18 February) I would be quietly confident that we can remain open but felt it only fair to warn you in advance.**

We have been without any heating since 28 January. Despite sustained efforts over the past two weeks to resolve the problem, and I am sure many of you have noticed the various vans on site, unfortunately the issue has not yet been successfully repaired. The engineers have been making progress with the system for the past 2 days. At the point we were sending pupils home today, testing is still ongoing, and seems to be working, but we still don't have the system fully functional.

We have managed, during the milder weather, by using fan heaters in classrooms and shared areas. Pupils and staff have worked on, without complaint, despite the unfavourable conditions.

However, with the recent drop in temperatures after the half term break, we have been unable to raise the indoor temperature above 10 degrees yesterday or today. This falls well below Health and Safety Executive (HSE) and Department of Education (DENI) recommendations for safe working and learning conditions.

In preparation for a closure, work has been sent home in school bags should you wish your child to complete it tomorrow. It is not homework for tonight. **However, there is no expectation that this work must be completed during the closure. If we are open, please send the work back to school as it will be used in class.**

I am giving the engineers as much time as possible today therefore a final decision cannot be made until 5pm. It will be sent to you by text message.

Please be assured that this decision will not be taken lightly. We fully understand the disruption this will cause to families and sincerely apologise for the inconvenience it may cause.

The safety and wellbeing of our pupils and staff must remain our priority.

We will continue to keep you updated regarding progress throughout today.

Thank you for your understanding.

Regards,

Principal