

# Moss Bury Primary School and Nursery

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19<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Parents,

## Re-opening of the School

We are pleased to announce the plan to be open again on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> of November. Once again, we thank you for your patience during this process.

Herts County Council have provided the following statement to share with parents:

*A fault in the electrical load indicated a health and safety issue, which resulted in the school closure. Due diligence has been undertaken and a full electrical inspection and investigation has been completed. This has resulted in some remedial works being undertaken this week to ensure that the school can open safely on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020.*

It has been a difficult time with contractors being isolated and arrangements could only be started late Friday. As a result, we have relied heavily on work being completed late at night.

For those who have shared concerns as to why these issues were not somehow foreseen or dealt with as part of our statutory monitoring, we would like to refer you to the explanation below, provided in the statement by Herts County Council.

*Issues with the school's electrical installation led to a power failure which, when investigated, uncovered some concerns. The decision was taken to close the school on safety grounds to enable a full electrical inspection to take place. This decision was made in consultation and agreement with the County Council.*

This was a new issue. The Governors and Leadership Team closely monitor our building and maintenance. We will continue to work with Hertfordshire County Council to ensure the required work is completed.

There are still outstanding issues that the full electrical inspection has highlighted, which need to be addressed. The scope of work is currently being established with Herts County Council and a plan will be shared with you in due course. While these works are substantial, the plan is to ensure that they are carried out as quickly as possible, while also remaining open at all times. This does not come without its challenges, particularly with the Covid related guidance that we must follow, but we will continue to update you on developments.

There have been a number of queries that we have not been able to directly answer, as they seem to be directed at Herts County Council rather than the school. Rest assured, we have forwarded them on, and should we receive a reply, we will be sure to let you know.

We look forward to welcoming our children back and returning to what we love doing most.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mr Newbury', written in a cursive style.

Mr Newbury – on behalf on the Leadership Team