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**Dear Parents and Carers** 

As you know, the health and safety of our students, staff and school community is of the utmost importance to us.

Unfortunately, following the severe weather over the last 24 hours, our academy drainage has been compromised and the site is temporarily not safe to welcome students or staff until this is fixed. We have therefore made the difficult but necessary decision to close the Academy today (Friday 18 November 2022).

We are working closely with Anglian Water to rectify the problem but due to high demand relating to maintenance issues caused by the weather, they are unable to send out an engineering team until tomorrow. Without running water and the use of the toilet facilities, it would not be safe for us to welcome anyone onto the site until this is fixed.

Our number one priority is ensuring minimal disruption to learning. With this in mind, we ask that this morning, unless your child's teacher has set up classwork for them on Class Charts, if possible they access the Oak Academy website and work through learning based on the topics they are studying as part of the curriculum. Unfortunately, the challenges with this last minute closure also means on this occasion we are unable to provide free school meals to students for which we are incredibly sorry.

We are expecting further updates from Anglian Water and hope to get this resolved as quickly as possible. We will keep you updated but wanted to reassure you that we will ensure the site is entirely safe and comfortable before students return.

We will write to you with an update in due course and in the meantime, I hope you all have a lovely weekend. Any questions, please let me know.

Yours sincerely

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**Executive Principal**