

The letter from the head teacher

Beldon Church of England Primary School

Harborne Road, Beldon BE2 5DE

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Dear Parents,

I am writing to update you regarding the damage to the school caused by the recent floods.

Unfortunately, the school was seriously damaged by floodwater from the Beldon River when it overflowed on 29th July. As the school is on low-lying ground near the river a large quantity of water surged very rapidly through the school buildings. In classrooms 3 and 4 the water reached a depth of approximately one metre. I was in the school at the time and had to wade through the water to make my escape.

All the carpets in the school have had to be removed and are due to be replaced next week. The tables and chairs have had to be scrubbed clean as they were coated in a layer of mud. Qualified electricians are still checking the electrical circuits. The drainage systems have been checked to ensure that the sewage will be able to leave the buildings safely.

I am grateful to the many members of staff who have given up substantial time during the summer holidays to help with preparing the school for the new school year. Several parents have also been extremely helpful and I would like to offer my sincere thanks to them.

I am, however, dismayed and disappointed that some parents have chosen to complain to the local newspaper regarding the late opening of the school. I do hope that those people will now appreciate the substantial effort that has been made to make the school a pleasant and safe environment in which their children can work.

Yours sincerely,

Brian Williams

Brian Williams,
Headteacher