24 November 2026

Dear Parents / Carers,

Re: URGENT – Dismissal for most students in Years 8–10 will begin within the next hour

I'm very sorry to let you know at such short notice that, due to a heating failure at Sarah Bonnell School, we will have to start sending most students in Years 8–10 home within the next hour. We take this decision very seriously. In this cold weather, we cannot keep enough classrooms warm for all year groups to remain in school.

Years 7 and 11 will remain in school. Vulnerable students in Years 8–10 will also stay on site, and we will contact their families directly. Students who stay will be supervised in warmer classrooms.

If your child is in Years 8–10 and is due to go home, please make arrangements now for them to get home safely. If there is an urgent reason your child cannot go home, please email info@sarahbonnell.ncltrust.net so we can arrange for them to stay on site.

We will explain the arrangements to students in assemblies and dismiss them in stages afterwards. Teachers will set work online for the lessons students would have had in school today.

I'm very sorry for the disruption this will cause. We will work hard today to resolve the heating issue and get all students back to school as soon as possible. I'll keep families updated throughout the day.

Best wishes,

J Carter

Jess Carter
Head of School
Sarah Bonnell School