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'Nothing will be impossible with God'*

Monday 13th September 2021

Dear Parent / Carers,

Unfortunately, we have had to close school today after the discovery of a rather busy hornet's nest on site. We initially evacuated the three upstairs classrooms to the hall temporarily, while the pest control company located and treated the nest.

The problem came once the nest was treated and the hornets became aggressive. The pest control company informed us to stay inside with all the windows closed for the remainder of the day. Immediately this created another issue - compliance with the school's current Covid 19 risk assessment. The children could not be accommodated in an adequately ventilated space, three classes all sharing the same space in the hall and the children not allowed outside to play at break time or at lunchtime.

Having had lengthy discussions with the local authority Health and Safety team, as well as the Public Health team, it was jointly agreed that the safest option was for the school to close for the remainder of the day.

Current advice is that the nest will be dead by morning and children will be safe to return to school. Mrs Fletcher will, of course, check everything over in the morning so we can confirm this is the case via text by 7.30 am tomorrow.

I would like to thank you for your quick response in collecting children, and sincerely apologise for any disruption caused.

Kind regards

L.C. Crossland

Lisa Crossland
Head Teacher

Margaret Lovell
Chair of Governors