TRINITY ACADEMY
Emmanuel Schools Foundation

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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: School Closure Update

Following today's closure, due to the area power grid outage, which is still affecting the Academy, I wanted to provide you with an update.

Since the early hours of Friday morning, we have been working closely with engineers and the National Grid, while also carrying out a number of important system checks across the school. These checks are necessary to ensure that the building and all key systems are fully operational and safe before students return. This includes, but is not limited to, testing essential services such IT infrastructure and various Management Information System (MIS), health and safety systems, heating, waste disposal and, ensuring that the provision of food can be done with appropriate regard to health and safely.

Most of our key systems rely on a stable power supply, so we have needed to confirm that everything the National Grid has provided to support the school is functioning correctly following the disruption.

Thank you for your patience and understanding while we have managed the situation.

Unfortunately, the power outage was outside of the Academy's control, and we have been reliant on intermittent updates from National Grid engineers working in the area. We received confirmation late on Friday afternoon that the work affecting the local power supply would continue across the weekend. I shared this information with families as soon as it was confirmed as, without certainty, we would need to close Monday to carry out the full range of works necessary to ensure that this complex building reopens fit and ready for our students and employees.

While the wider power outage affected parts of Thorne and Moorends, we understand the issue impacting the Academy relates to a specific part of the local grid serving the school. As a result, engineers have needed additional time to complete work and ensure that supply to the Academy is stable and reliable.

I appreciate that the timing of the information available to school meant the notice given to families was not ideal. However, it was important that decisions were made using the most up-to-date information available and that all essential systems across the Academy could be properly tested before students returned. All checks are expected to be completed by early afternoon today, at which point I will write again with a further update.

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To be clear, as I write this update, I fully anticipate that the Academy will be able to open tomorrow and operate a normal school day; only something unexpected would prevent that.

Thank you again for your patience and continued support, I will write to you again this afternoon.

Yours faithfully

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