

Inspiring you to be great



Great Orton Primary School
Great Orton
Carlisle
Cumbria CA5 6NA

Tel: 01228 711602

Email:
head@greatorton.cumbria.sch.uk

Headteacher
Mr J A T Robertson
B.Sc (Hon) PGCE NPQH

17th May 2019

Dear Parents and carers

I am delighted to inform you that the oil spillage that closed the school has now been cleared up. To our relief the spillage had been contained in our drains, which have been thoroughly emptied and cleaned out. We have had engineers and experts from various agencies from all over the north of England visiting and advising us throughout this process. As we are a school, the engineers have also added temporary fans to the drains to pump any remaining vapours out. The only remaining work will be to test the soil under the tank, which will be done over the half term holiday.

As the spillage was contained within our drains, the local environment has thankfully not been affected. The smell we experienced was due to vapours rising up through the sinks and toilets in the old part of the school. I am pleased to say that after the clean up was completed the meter readings were all back to normal.

Had there been a more significant leak with more work required, we had organised for temporary classrooms to be installed in the school grounds: thankfully, this was not needed. I would like to thank all parents, the school staff and our children for being so patient and understanding during this incident.

So it's back to hard work and fun as your child continues to learn and develop in our lovely 160-year-old village school.

Should you have any questions regarding this or any other part of school life, please do not hesitate to contact school where we will be able to arrange an appointment.

Yours sincerely

Mr Andrew Cannon
Executive Headteacher

