



# Ellingham VC Primary School

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Thank you so much for your patience and understanding this morning with the emergency school closure. I am sure that you can appreciate that it was not a decision that was taken lightly.

This morning there was a sighting of a snake in school. As we were not able to identify the type of snake, following advice Norfolk County Council, we made the decision to close as a precaution. I understand that this is frustrating as a parent when you need to be at work or have plans for the day, however our first priority has to be the children's safety.

Pest Control was immediately called to come and locate the snake. Thankfully, they found the snake, it has been removed and relocated. School is now safe again.

I am sure that you can understand the word 'snake' can cause fear. We would really appreciate it if you could talk to your children about the incident and explain that it was a grass snake, which is not venomous and is not harmful.

As we were unable to guarantee when the snake would be caught, we have also had to cancel the dinners today, therefore school will reopen at 1:15pm this afternoon. We understand that some parents have needed to take the children for the whole day, in this instance please be reassured that there will be no penalty on our attendance records as it was an exceptional circumstance.

If you wish to discuss this further, please see myself or Mrs Querelle.

Yours Sincerely,

Dawn Read  
Headteacher



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