

# Seghill First School

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Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to inform you of the current situation regarding the smell of gas outside school.

This morning we called out the British Gas emergency service to investigate the strong smell of gas coming from the site of the partially demolished CIU club. Following an investigation by the engineer we were informed that the site presents a "low risk" and there is no evidence to suggest that the school should be closed. As a result of this, school was open all day today.

Work to complete the demolition of the building will continue. We are working closely with D P Construction to ensure that we are aware of any further issues. Mr Taylor and I are receiving daily updates from them.

Should the situation change in any way, we may be required to close the school at very short notice on the advice of British Gas. If this is the case, we will contact you by text if you have registered with ParentMail or by telephone. I am aware that closing the school is not an ideal situation, particularly for working parents. However, it would be unsafe for us to keep the school open if we are advised to close.

Using ParentMail to send out a text message is by far the best way to contact all parents in an emergency situation. Please check that you have completed a ParentMail registration form and returned it to the school office if you have not done so already. A copy of the form is on the school website in the "letters" tab and in the "letters autumn 2017" folder within that tab or available from the school office. Please let us know if you have updated your number so we can update our systems.

Please do not hesitate to contact me directly if you wish to speak to me regarding this matter.

Yours sincerely  
Miss Chappell  
Headteacher

