



Dear Parent/Carer,

Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Closing the school is one of the hardest decisions a Headteacher ever makes. Today's decision was particularly difficult and complicated by the amount of snow we had and the time at which it fell. At the time of the first text weather and ground conditions and forecast seemed suitable for school to be open. Thank you all for your support and understanding when we needed to make a swift decision to close school with the second text and subsequent email. The impact that snow had on the travel conditions was the tipping point; many parents and staff were sat in long queues of traffic, some staff even abandoned their cars and walked in and the Number 18 bus was then cancelled.

The students who arrived in school were sensible and supportive, thank you to them.  
Thank you to our families, our students and staff for making it work so well today.

At the time of writing this email the weather forecast is very mixed across providers so again very difficult to predict what will happen in the morning. Currently for most staff and students' roads are clear and the snow has stopped.

Our plan for tomorrow is below and I hope this will avoid unnecessary travel.

#### **Current arrangements for Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March**

##### **We intend to open school from 10:30 to students.**

Prior to this we will inspect the site and keep a keen eye on the travel conditions, making a final decision on opening by 9:30 at the latest, communicating this to you by text, email and the website.

Students should arrive down the pedestrian entrance arriving between 10:20 and 10:30 am.

##### **Option 1 – School is open**

This message would confirm that we are open to face-to-face teaching, then students should make their way to school for a 10:30 start. The day will start with a form period, and then period 3,4,5 taking place as normal.

Lunch would be provided as normal, however there would be no need for a morning break.

##### **Option 2 – School is closed**

Remote learning will be available for lessons 2,3,4,5 and will be sent via email by the teacher and saved in P:\Remote Learning 2022-23 students will be expected to complete this work.

We hope that we will be back to normal soon and I thank you for your support and continued understanding.

Yours Sincerely,

**Nicola Raggett**  
Headteacher

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