



Wednesday 8th January 2025

Dear Parents,

I am writing to update you on the current situation during this period of adverse weather. Firstly, I would like to thank you for your understanding and support shown. As I'm sure you will understand decisions such as those made this week are never easy to make.

Following a review of the school site and the surrounding areas this afternoon, the school car park, the drop off and collection points for parents, the side roads, footpaths and pavements continue to remain a cause for concern.

There is nowhere for cars to pull up safely and the smaller side roads remain unsuitable and unsafe for parking or for school drop off. The footpaths are especially icy underfoot. Despite the efforts of staff yesterday, the additional snowfall and the sub-zero temperatures have worsened the conditions.

The decision has been made at this early stage, taking into account the forecast of low temperatures for the remainder of the week and to allow parents to plan for childcare if necessary, that school will remain closed until **Monday 13th January**.

The safety of our children, parents and staff has to be paramount to the decisions we make and at this moment in time I am not confident that the site and surrounding areas are adequately safe to open.

Online learning will continue to be provided each morning by 9am and school staff will attempt to make a welfare call to each family during this period. You can talk to staff if you need any support or have any concerns during these calls or alternatively email the school office who will arrange for a member of the pastoral team to contact you.

Please note: If conditions improve significantly for Friday, this decision will be reviewed.

Once again I thank you for your understanding and look forward to welcoming our children and families back once I am confident that it is safe to do so.

Yours faithfully

Miss G Ackroyd
Head teacher