

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Severe Weather Procedures

As you will probably know, the weather forecast is for snow over the next couple of days. We would like to reassure our parents and carers that as a school, we will do everything we can to keep school open, so the education of our students is not affected. However, whilst it is very likely that school will remain open on Thursday and Friday, there is the possibility that the snow is worse than predicted and so it is best to be prepared. Please see below for the snow day procedures that we will follow:

1. The site manager will be on the school site early in the morning and will inform the Headteacher in the morning if the school is unsafe to be open and the school will need to close.
2. Further to the information that was sent home yesterday, if a decision is made to close due to severe weather, and the school site is not safe to access, the following will apply:
 - We will update our website as soon as a decision is made
 - A text message will be sent to parents/carers (priority 1 contact only)
 - Local radio stations will be notified
3. School work will be provided to students via Showbie (in the whole year group Showbie class). Students will be expected to work from home using the school iPads to access the work; students will have access to the home internet on their school devices during the school day. We are of course aware that many students will want to enjoy the snow and we are also aware that there could be reasons why students are unable to complete work. Consequently, students would not be sanctioned if any work was not completed.

We would like to remind parents/carers and students that all activity on school devices is monitored. If there is a breach of the school's policies in relation to the use of an iPad, we may need to contact you and school may need to issue a sanction to the student.

We hope that this clarifies the situation, and we thank you for your support with this. We hope that school will not need to close but we believe it is best to be prepared and for everyone to know in advance what will happen in the event of a school closure due to the weather.

Yours faithfully,

The Leadership Group