

Friday 8th January 2010

Dear Parents,

Ref. Continuing Bad Weather – Next week

Further to my letter yesterday, as you are well aware, we are all continuing to experience severe difficulties during the current unprecedented weather conditions. **Once again, I would sincerely like to thank ALL of my staff, teaching and non-teaching, for making such a tremendous effort in getting the school up and running again today.**

I would also like to thank you for all your efforts in getting your children into school this morning and I know just how treacherous our local roads still are.

Many of our teachers have to travel quite a distance to their place of work and it is testimony to their professionalism that they managed to get into school again this morning! Unfortunately, more snow is forecast over the weekend, although it is at the moment not anticipated to be heavy. Therefore, in view of the continuing difficulties, we are again intending to have another late start on Monday morning to give staff and pupils that extra amount of time to reach our school.

School will therefore start again on Monday 11th January with registration at 9.45am and I request that pupils do not arrive at school before then! We will assess the situation on Monday with a view to hopefully returning to some sort of normality from Tuesday 12th, if the situation has eased – we will keep you informed!

If, on the other hand, there is heavy snow over the weekend, I would like to remind you once again of the procedures currently in place to inform you that the school may be closed.

- We will endeavour to send a text message to parents on their mobile phone.
- Our own website is updated at the very earliest opportunity and you may wish to ensure that you are getting the most up-to-date news by clicking your browser's 'Refresh' button; or you may only see what remains in your computer's cache from a previous visit.
- Local Radio is informed at the earliest opportunity if we are closed and they are requested to announce it to their listeners as soon as possible (and on their website). *Heart (formerly Chiltern) and Three Counties are notified of emergency closures.*
- The Local Authority is also informed of any closure and they will update their website in due course.
- We will try and 'man the phone' as soon as we possibly can - *if staff can reach the school.*

With the cold weather continuing, please ensure that your child has warm clothing with them and coats are not left in school when they are also needed for the journey home!

Thank you once again for your patience and understanding at this difficult time, I assure you that we are doing our utmost to keep the school open for you and your children.

Yours sincerely

Ian Mitchell
Headteacher