

Monday 11th January 2010

Dear Parents,

Ref. Unprecedented weather conditions -update

I write to you once again with reference to the unprecedented weather conditions we have experienced over the last few weeks. 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 last week and thank you for all your efforts in getting your children into school.

I would also like to thank you for your comments of support and appreciation of our communications via our website and texting service.

As the local situation has now eased, I am pleased to inform you, that from tomorrow morning, (Tues 12th Jan) we shall be returning to normal.

A number of parents have quite rightly raised the issue of a lack of crossing patrol provision for our recent late starts and of course I share your concerns regarding the intransigence of the Road Safety Team and quite frankly find the excuse of insurance for not providing a later crossing patrol, as requested by the school, totally bewildering! I will continue to pursue this matter with the Local Authority and you may wish to raise individual concerns with them as well.

Just in case we encounter more bad weather in the future, I would like to remind you once again of the procedures currently in place to inform you of any changes or closure.

- 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 do continue to 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, understanding and support at this difficult time, I assure you that we will continue to do our utmost to keep the school open and functioning normally for you and your children.

Yours sincerely

Ian Mitchell
Headteacher