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WEATHER IMPACT ON SCHOOL

Dear Parents,

Firstly, we would like to say a big 'thank you' to all our parents who have ensured (illness apart) that your children have attended school this week, particularly on Monday and Tuesday.

We are very aware as a school of the expectations in relation to attendance from our employers, the government and local authority. We in turn pass these expectations onto you the parents by tracking children's attendance and using 'attendance support meetings' to help improve school attendance where it falls below expected levels (95% government target).

For this reason, along with several others, such as supporting working parents and the safety of pupils, parents and staff, we always think very carefully about a school closure because of the impact of bad weather. Whenever possible, such as Monday and Tuesday this week, we will work hard to make sure we are open and our 'cold weather' paths are clear and safe.

We have put a request for Old Town Lane and School Lane to be gritted in the future to support the journey to school in such weather conditions.

Because of our commitment to be open as often as is practicably and reasonably possible we have discussed the plan for tomorrow, Friday 9th January, given the Amber weather warnings and forecast.

We have decided on the following course of action:

Although the forecast is showing Storm Goretti moving across the country, the amount of precipitation falling as rain or snow is not exact. Additionally, the rain/snow will mostly fall during the night.

Therefore, because of the uncertainties, a decision will be made at 5:30 tomorrow morning.

If the 'snow fall'/conditions are no worse than Monday or Tuesday of this week then school will be open as usual. A message will be sent to parents between 5:30am and 6:00am.

We apologise for the inconvenience caused if we are forced to close.

Thank you for your support

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