

Please be aware that the following letter has been sent home to parents today (08th February 2012)

Dear Parent/Guardian

Many thanks for your support this week during the bad weather. Please accept my apologies for the website being unavailable on Sunday and Monday morning, this was due to an issue beyond our control – it is now fully functional.

With the bad weather set to continue until at least half term here are a few reminders.

Emergency closure plans – please make sure that you have discussed the plan with your child so they know exactly what the arrangements are should an emergency closure happen whilst the school is in session. It is really important that your child knows what they should do so we can ensure all 870 pupils get home safely.

The emergency plan can be found on:-

page 24 of your child's planner (KS3 pupils) and

page 22 of your child's planner (KS4 pupils)

Should there be bad weather overnight (or any other emergency reason) that means that the school cannot open there will be announcements on Radio Humberside and on the school website as early as possible.

Decisions about school closure are very difficult. I have to ensure that pupils and staff are safe and this involves undertaking a detailed risk assessment. If the weather is poor or predicted to deteriorate during the day I have to make a decision early to ensure that pupils and staff get to school safely, that the school site is safe for over 1000 people and that it is possible to get pupils home safely at the end of the day. This decision is made even more difficult because of the rural location of some of the homes of our pupils. However, be assured that I will always make the decision in the best interests of the safety of pupils.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher