

## **Adverse Weather Update – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January/Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January**

Dear Parents and Students

### **Our aim is to re-open the school for all students on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January**

Students should follow the uniform code but ensure that they have suitable footwear and outdoor coats for travelling to and from school and around the school site. Students must take care on their journey to and from school whilst poor weather conditions continue and follow health and safety advice from staff when on school premises.

There were serious problems this morning on the main road outside of the school (which did not appear to have been gritted) and we have complained to the Highways Department about this. This understandably caused disruption and delay to parents, students and staff.

The Met Office forecast for tomorrow gives warnings of ice on all untreated roads and pavements rather than snow and the warmer temperatures mean that the snow should gradually thaw during the day.

We have been advised by the DCSF that students who have been unable to attend school during this period of extreme weather should not have absence marks recorded on their attendance record. **If you have not already advised the school that your child was absent for this reason, please contact the Attendance Officer as soon as you are able so that we can update student attendance records.**

During the closure staff have been putting work on the school's VLE so that some learning can continue. We are compiling a list of students who do not have access to the internet so that we can provide them with written copies of this work. **Please telephone school to add you child's name to this list if you have not done so already.**

We will be in touch with Year 11 Parents by the end of this week with a revised date for the Year 11 Parents Evening that is being re-scheduled from Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>.

Christine Brown  
Headteacher

### **Emergency Closure Procedures**

If extreme weather does occur then school closure or some timetable modification may unfortunately be necessary. This is not a decision that would be taken lightly and is one that will need to be based on a risk assessment of the site and surrounding areas (main and local roads, footpaths, bus stops etc), transport availability and staff availability (including catering staff). It is important that students are safe on site and do not have to have further time off because of trips or falls.

We will communicate information regarding any closure or timetable modification via this website, local radio stations and our text alert service.