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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you so much for your support over the last two days and also for ensuring that your child was present for online learning. We had excellent attendance to the online provision today.

The provision for the rest of the week is as follows:



Wednesday 14th December:

Today my site teams were out clearing snow and pathways to the best of their abilities, but our site is still not as safe as it should be. We are particularly concerned about the spaces between our buildings that we cannot clear and that are now very icy. We have no play spaces available as they are covered in 5 inches of icy snow which makes break and lunch time very difficult. Also, the front of the school and the pathways around the school are concerning. The local authority have agreed to support us with clearing these areas and I hope that they will be safer in the morning. It seems that the schools in the north of the borough have been most affected by the snow.



To ensure that I can open the school safely tomorrow I need to reduce the number of pupils attending so that we can contain all the pupils in the main building. Therefore we are asking that only year 7, 9, 11 and 13 pupils attend school tomorrow. Year 8, 10 and 12 will have live lessons online.



If your child is in Year 8, 10 or 12 and you feel that they are not engaging well with the online learning or that you would like them to have access to a school meal then they can attend. I have space for two classes (60 pupils) within the main building. Please complete the link below if you would a place and it will be first come first placed. <https://forms.gle/RVxvbyQMwREBj568>



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The school day will be slightly altered to start at 10.25am which will allow time for pupils and staff to travel to school safely. It will also mean that we will not have an additional break time without any play space. The school will finish at 2pm and pupils will be dismissed in a staggered fashion, to ensure a safe exit.



Pupils are expected to wear full school uniform but can wear boots or trainers. I would advise that pupils bring coats, gloves and hats. We also expect our usual high standard of conduct from our pupils particularly on their travel to and from school to ensure that they remain safe. Pupils will not be allowed outside tomorrow and all lesson transitions will take place within the building.

Thursday 15th December



To ensure that no pupils misses out on the Christmas meal this has been moved to Thursday 15th December. We have over 800 pupils who purchased a Christmas meal. Just a reminder that if you have not paid for a Christmas meal your child will require a packed lunch or will need to purchase food at break time, as there will be no access to food at lunch.



On this day, pupils can wear a Christmas outfit, non uniform or Christmas jumper. We hope that Thursday will be a normal full day and I will inform you if this changes.

We are no longer holding our Progress Evening on Thursday 15th December as we do not feel our site is safe enough to have families moving around the site and surrounding areas. Also to have parents and staff travelling late in the evening with the current conditions is unsafe. Therefore we are postponing this to Thursday 19th January 3.20-6.20 and ask that parents rebook these meetings. These will be live tomorrow for rebooking. Sorry for any inconvenience caused by this.

Friday 16th December

We will continue to have an early finish on Friday with all pupils being dismissed from school at 12.25. Just a reminder that pupils will be able to access hot food at break time but there will be no hot food for lunch. Pupils who are entitled to free school meals can buy food at break or will get a packed lunch at the end of the day.

Thank you for your support over the last few days and we look forward to seeing our pupils tomorrow at 10.25am. Please note that all pupils need to enter through the main gate on Normanton Park Road.

Kindest regards,

Sonia Close