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Dear Parents

As you will have undoubtedly seen, there is a severe weather warning out for Thursday and Friday across some parts of the country. At this point in time it is too early to try and second guess what will happen in terms of heavy snow and the disruption this will bring. However, I thought it may be helpful to share some plans with you.

Firstly it is important to understand that safety of your child(ren) is paramount and we wouldn't want you to take any risks journeying to or from school – including those that travel on the bus. I am also concerned for the welfare of my staff driving longer distances to and from school. Finally the site itself needs to be safe and fit for purpose.

Current weather forecast...

<https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/public/weather/forecast/gcp1u7t4p#?date=2018-03-01>

- As explained, we will put out a communication early tomorrow morning by 7:45a.m at the latest, stating that the school is closed; if you receive **no** communication then please assume school is open.
- Based on the current weather forecast we are more than likely to be open but we will have to monitor the weather throughout the day. This could mean an early closure - we may ask you to collect your child (ren) earlier in the day should the weather become unsafe for families to travel in. We will also confirm this later in the morning if necessary. Please consider alternative childcare arrangements.
- **We will not** postpone the dressing up element of World Book Day tomorrow, however the children should / could wear warmer layers under their costumes whilst enjoying their outfits on a cold day.
- In this very cold, wintery weather please ensure children have layers on under their costumes and that they have a coat, hat, scarf and gloves. Please consider footwear in these conditions – a great costume will be still be great even if it consists of wellies or walking boots!
- Unfortunately though, and not wishing to take any risks tomorrow evening, we will have to postpone FODS Film night and rearrange for a future date TBC soon. Tickets would still be valid – refunds would of course be available and cheques haven't been banked yet.
- Also, I have decided to cancel all clubs on Thursday and Friday (due to safety concerns for children, parents and staff) therefore there will not be Tag Rugby, Judo, Football or STEM clubs taking place.



Forms of communication for school closures are:

- Text
- Website
- Twitter (@DroxfordJun)
- Radio stations will be informed after we contact HCC
- We will inform HCC and they will update their list of schools that are closed...

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/education/schoolclosures/>

Thank you for support and patience on this matter. If I have missed anything on this or you have any questions then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes



Matthew Dampier

