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*Working **together** to be the **best** that we can be.*

Happiness

Perserverance

Resilience

Kindness

Friendship

Respect

14.1.21

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: weather conditions and school closure - 15.1.21

We have been assessing the inclement weather all day and the impact it has had on travel throughout Leeds and North Yorkshire. I have been in regular contact with every member of the team, using video calling and / or images to assess the conditions for each staff member to consider the safety of travel from their house to school.

I have also factored in the overnight forecast which is for mixed rain and snow and temperatures dropping below zero to minus 4 degrees in many areas where staff members are located.

As a result, I have made the decision to **close school once again tomorrow (Friday 15.1.21)**. This decision is not taken lightly but I hope that this advance warning allows you some additional time to make a contingency plan.

Please **do not use the work packs provided** as we will continue with these Maths and English lessons on Monday and Tuesday next week and it is likely that the afternoon subjects from the snow days will be carried over to next week. We will be in touch to communicate when on Monday or Tuesday the packs can be collected for the remainder of the week.

It is not possible for staff to use Teams on a snow day for many reasons. Although we do not usually provide learning on days where school is closed, with the closure requiring a second day, we have created a stand-alone day of activities that can be accessed by those of you who are working at home and require a more structured day for your child / children. There is also a P.E challenge sent from Mr Atkinson as he was sorry that he missed the children in school this week.

Please be reassured that there is no pressure to complete this work – we know how rare snow of this magnitude is (despite the flurry we received just last week!) and want the children to enjoy it. We also know how tiring it is learning online and that many of younger children may benefit from a day of rest. You can keep the overview and use it if you need any additional home learning to the lessons provided each week, or in the event of another snow day... I wonder what the probability of a third consecutive week with at least one day of snow is?

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Please send any work you wish to share or snow pictures to your class email address or share with us on twitter or via the admin address for us to tweet – we loved seeing the sledging, snow-tipped sheep and gargantuan snowmen last week!

I would like to take this opportunity, once again, for your continued patience and resilience – it feels like there is always a new challenge to overcome but as a school community, we have honest and open conversations, adapt quickly, address any teething issues and manage to find our rhythm in a new way of school life.

Every member of the staff team is working relentlessly to learn new skills and to adapt their planning and resources for simultaneous online and in-school learning. We know that we are offering the very best option possible and more than many other primary schools, despite only having a small staff team. I am so proud to be the Headteacher of such an amazing school.

With very best wishes,

Zoe Pickard
Headteacher