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13 January 2015

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Possible disruption due to snow Wednesday 14 January 2015

You may be aware that the Met Office has included Chippenham in the yellow warning area for snow overnight, which may be heavy for a time. This is due to commence in the evening tonight and may adversely affect the travel to school time tomorrow.

Clearly my aim is to keep the school open, but the health and safety of the pupils and staff is paramount. The current prediction is for 3-6 cm of snow, which will make early morning travel extremely hazardous. I will be checking the details first thing tomorrow with colleagues in Chippenham and liaising with the Headteachers at Sheldon School and Hardenhuish. I will then communicate my decision with parents via the website and by SchoolComms. This will be at around 6:30 am. You can also tune in to BBC Wiltshire or Heart FM, who will be alerted **if we are closed**.

As is recommended by the Department for Education, the site staff will prioritise entry routes into our official school entrance. Staff that live nearby, and who can walk to school safely, will man the school as it is likely that those staff who live further away may be delayed in arriving at school if the school is open.

I would ask you to reinforce with your child the need for sensible behaviour both on the way to and when on the school site. They should keep to the cleared paths and stay inside as much as possible. The street and canteen will be open first thing. We do not allow snowball fights or sliding on ice/snow as it makes this site even more hazardous. It is each child's responsibility to look after the safety of themselves and others.

I am grateful for your support during this period of wintry weather. The last time we suffered these conditions the school was extremely proud of the way the pupils conducted themselves. They were a credit to you and their school; I expect nothing less of Abbeyfield pupils.

To reiterate we will be open as usual, if there is no message to the contrary.

Yours sincerely

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