



## Extreme weather conditions and school closure

Dear Parents/guardians,

I thought I should write again to explain the reason for opening for Year 11, 12 and 13 only on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January.

Many staff will not be able to get into school tomorrow and rather than offer a crude timetable to students, much of which would be based in the Lion Theatre, we have decided that we can accommodate a quality teaching and learning experience for our older students. Year 11, 12 and 13 all have exams next week and need some vital last minute preparation and support from their teachers.

The site is now safe as we have managed to clear the footpaths and will be clearing the carparks further early tomorrow morning but there is still a great deal of snow around which could become a danger to the younger students which will be difficult to manage, particularly with less staff. As some of the staff who will be absent are first aid trained, we will have limited first aid provision.

We would encourage students to use the VLE and for KS3 students to continue work on their homework projects which we know many students have been doing as evidenced by the usage charts in the last 2 days.

We will work exceptionally hard to clear the site over the next three days so that we can ensure that the school is open for everybody on Monday.

As explained in the previous letter, the current weather conditions are the most severe that I have experienced and I trust parents and guardians will appreciate the immensely difficult decisions that have to be made to ensure everyone's safety. I have been in continual contact with all Hemel Headteachers and colleagues for the last 3 days and feel that the decision that we have come to is the best possible outcome for everyone.

Thank you for your ongoing support in this difficult time.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher