



8 March 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Closure of school due to severe weather on Thursday 1 and Friday 2 March 2018

During severe weather conditions, we make every effort to keep the school open for as many children as possible. However, in some circumstances, following completion of a risk assessment, we may decide that it is necessary to temporarily close the school. Reasons may include:

- Too few staff members can reach the school, or advice is issued against travelling
- Risk of injury to students, staff or visitors due to the weather conditions
- A failure of the school's heating systems

In such circumstances we will always attempt to give parents and carers advance notice, but due to the unpredictable nature of some weather events this may not always be possible.

On Thursday 1 March following consultation with other Poole Headteachers and completion of the risk assessment, I regrettably had to take the decision to close the school. This was due to risk of injury to students, staff and visitors due to the forecast weather conditions and also advice issued against travelling.

We communicated information about the closure before 7.30am via text message to parents and carers using our Management Information system, our school website, Facebook and Twitter. We then followed this up with an email from Wisepay (our payment system) giving details of work that students could complete at home.

If you did not receive a text message from the school, and would like to access this service in future, please email your correct mobile phone number to enquiries@st-edwards.poole.sch.uk stating your son/daughter's name and year group. If you did not receive an email from the school, then please email enquiries@st-edwards.poole.sch.uk and request a Wisepay log on.

I'd like to thank you all for your patience and understanding. Decisions to close the school are never taken lightly, but unfortunately may sometimes be necessary for the safety and wellbeing of the school community.

Kind regards

Mr M Antram
Headteacher