

10th February 2021

Ms J Palmer BSc, MA, MA, NPQH
Principal

Dear Parents and Carers

Update Information Letter

I hope everyone is keeping warm considering the current sub-zero temperatures.

I have been keeping an eye on the weather and also the travel conditions. There continues to be an amber alert for severe cold weather as well as a met office yellow warning for snow. I understand that many major roads have been gritted but that side roads have not been treated and continue to be very icy and treacherous.

Our Site Team cleared and gritted the pathways and car park today but they still remained very icy and following the heavy snowfall late morning and during the afternoon, the car park and pathways remain extremely slippery with snow and ice. Although the Site Team have spread salt grit with the freezing conditions and new snowfall this has not provided us with a safe environment for school and parent transport.

I have also been consulting with the Assistant Principals regarding staffing capacity for tomorrow. As you know, due to Covid, we have limited staffing and we are unable to deploy staff as flexibly we would normally do because of the bubble system. We know that it is highly likely that several members of staff who live in neighbouring villages would not be able to travel into school tomorrow due to the severe weather conditions.

Taking these factors into consideration, Meadowfield School will be closed on Thursday, 11th February.

Hopefully we will be able to reopen on Friday, for those pupils who are on the rota to attend school on a Friday. I will continue to carefully monitor the situation.

We will be providing learning through our remote home learning systems and Teachers continue to be committed to ensuring home learning is as good as it can be. In addition to our learning platforms, SeeSaw, Tapestry and Myon, there are also learning resources on our website, choose on the following headings:

- [Remote Learning](#) select *Activities*
- [Parent Information](#) select *Learning Resources*

Please be reminded that we are closed for the February half term break 15th – 19th February.

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If you qualify for FSM vouchers our office team will ensure that these reach you during the half term week. Under the Government scheme, the deadline to order vouchers for this week of term means that the vouchers were ordered in advance and took into account the days your child would have attended school. This shortfall will be readdressed in the next voucher run after half term. If your child is currently only working remotely this will not affect your voucher values.

Please keep safe and warm.

Your faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jill Palmer".

Jill Palmer
Principal

