

24<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Dear Parents



With winter fast approaching and forecasts for snow again this year, I would like to remind you about how we deal with any severe weather, especially snow, which may affect the school. We have already received a severe weather warning from Kirklees Council with snow forecast from 8pm tonight until 11am tomorrow.

Each day of any severe weather, I as Head teacher, will make an assessment about whether it is safe and practical to open the school to pupils. This decision will be made early in the morning, in enough time to inform you if we are to close.

As soon as the decision to close the school is made, you will be informed immediately by text. The text will be sent to whoever you have nominated as contact no 1 in the Admissions Booklet (unfortunately we cannot send messages to 2 numbers due to the cost – we expect whoever is contact no 1 to inform the other parent/contact no 2). However, if you download the Xpressions app you will receive messages sent by text even if you are contact no 2 (instructions are attached to this email). **If you do not hear anything from us, the school will be open.** The text will be followed up by an email which will be sent to all the email addresses we currently have in our database for sending letters home, and the website [www.holmfirthjinschool.net](http://www.holmfirthjinschool.net) will be updated.

Should you wish to check reports of closures for all schools in Kirklees, you can do so by visiting the council website [www.kirklees.gov.uk/schoolclosures](http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/schoolclosures) where you will find up-to-date information or follow them at [twitter.com/kirkleesschools](https://twitter.com/kirkleesschools). Closure information will also be shared with the local radio and TV stations for them to use as they wish in their bulletins. You can also check on weather and gritting updates at [www.kirklees.gov.uk/winter](http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/winter) or follow them at [twitter.com/Kirkleeswinter](https://twitter.com/Kirkleeswinter).

Please be assured that I only decide to close our school in exceptional circumstances where the safety of your child/ren is the primary concern. On occasion this may be due to the availability of teaching staff who travel some distance to reach school, rather than purely conditions for pupils getting to school. In the past it has been necessary to close the school due to treacherous icy conditions on Rotcher/Cartworth Road which made driving impossible and walking dangerous.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. Finally, please remember to inform the office if you change your email or mobile phone number to ensure that you continue to receive messages from us.

Yours faithfully

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