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Dear families,

Thank you for your patience and understanding today- we really did hope to open but, as many of you have shared, the surrounding streets and paths are incredibly icy and dangerous.

The temperatures overnight are not going to get above zero, meaning that any snow and ice that has melted today will refreeze and again, cause a major hazard around our school in the morning.

We will remain closed for tomorrow, Wednesday 8 January. I know that this situation is not ideal for many families, particularly those who need to get to work. We are doing everything we can to make the site safe and keep it low risk, but no amount of gritting can prevent the effects of the current overnight temperatures.

We will keep trying- our site team are here from 5.30am every day and are doing their very best to enable a safe opening.

Online learning will be provided for all year groups and can be accessed through Purple Mash, Tapestry and on Reading Plus and SATs Bootcamp (Y5/6 only). Members of staff will continue to call home to check that families have everything they need.

I will provide an update tomorrow- at this stage we remain optimistic that we will be able to open safely on Thursday.

Thank you again for your support and understanding as we work through this period of challenge. We hope you are keeping safe and well.

Mrs Rebecca Greenwood Principal

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