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Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the past few days, this school has had to make difficult decisions regarding closure of the site, due to adverse weather conditions. These issues are much more complex than they might appear, with judgements being based solely on Health and Safety criteria. Based on the available information, a decision had to be made as to whether it was safe or even possible for staff, parents and pupils to reach the school. Since most of our surrounding schools were closed at this time, it appears that we have been in the majority where closure has been decided on. Even the Primary School in Woodcote, which was open for the morning of Monday 2nd February, closed at Noon on that day and remained closed on Tuesday.

Our staff made calls to each household in our school, in order to inform parents as soon as possible of the closure. This is not a statutory requirement, but was done as a courtesy. Everyone, apart from one person, responded very positively to the decision and expressed gratitude for the calls. We hope there will be no more closures, but in the event of more severe weather conditions, we will do our best to let you know if the school is closing. If you are in doubt, Radio Oxford will have the school listed as a closure, and if we are not listed on this and you have not heard anything, please assume we'll be open.

Unfortunately, due to the unpredictable weather conditions, we have had to postpone Green Class' trip to the Botanical Gardens in Oxford tomorrow (Thursday). We hope to reorganise this visit in the near future. **Previously booked lunch arrangements have been reinstated, so if your child was originally booked for a school dinner, then that will be the situation.**

I am pleased to announce that from this week, Mr Tomas Ferry, a PGCE student teacher from Oxford Brookes University, will be joining us for 6 weeks. He will be working predominantly in Green Class alongside Miss Howse but will have the opportunity to observe learning across the whole school. I know he will be very warmly welcomed.

Yours sincerely,

S.McTegart