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Dear Parents/ Guardians / Carers,

We have to think again this year about disruptive snowfall and the action we will take in the event this happens.

The school's priority is young people's safety. We are unusual in as much as our young people are transported to us from around the entire county by taxi. This adds an extra dimension and complication when there is disruptive snowfall, if it is possible we will try to ensure the school stays open, we are writing to you in advance to explain the measures we are putting in place should they be needed.

### **Snow - Main considerations**

- The ability of the taxi to transport your child to and from school safely
- The safety of the school site
- Reduced and unsafe staffing numbers due to treacherous conditions.

The school will monitor the forecast closely and take advice from the Local Authority.

### **Process**

#### **If disruptive snow is forecast**

- The school will contact parents and carers via text message, at the earliest opportunity, to inform them of closure. (Snow forecasts are not always reliable, the school will do its best to stay open given the safety of the young people is our absolute priority).
- The school will post its status on the school closures page of the Buckinghamshire County Council website.
- Local radio stations will broadcast closure details.
- The school will text parents during the closure day to update them.

#### **If disruptive snow falls during the school day**

- The school will contact parents and inform them that the school is closing.
- Taxis will be arranged and our young people will be transported home.

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- Staff may have to use their cars to transport our young people home.
- The school will post its status on the school closures page on the Buckinghamshire County Council School website and on our own website.
- The school will update parents the same day regarding 'safe opening' the following day.

If you have any comments or questions please get in touch.

Kind Regards,

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