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Dear parents/carers

Thank you so much for your understanding over the past week.

It is never an easy decision to close a school. Last Thursday I was here with a few staff at 6:00am, snow was falling heavily, the temperature was -7°C in the wind and the roads and pavements were sheets of ice. This made the decision easier in terms of health and safety. I know a few local schools chose to stay open but then shut early and made a decision to close on Friday.

I arrived at school at 6:15am on Friday and although cold and snowy, I felt the conditions were better than on the Thursday. However many schools that had opened on the Thursday had made early decisions to close on Friday so we were then confronted with a significant number of staff who could not come to work because their children's school had closed.

I know for working parents and those parents who study this has a significant impact.

I watched the weather improve with great relief at the weekend and was looking forward to getting back to normal, only to be told at 7:00am on Monday that the school and local area had no water.

All staff were in work but obviously with no toilets, drinking water and cooking facilities it was not possible to open, again for health and safety reasons.

I know this is a very unsatisfactory situation and once again thank you for your understanding.

As well as the significant impact on yourselves the saddest thing about this is our children missing their learning.

I am letting you know as early as possible that the Inset day planned for Monday 16th April will now be a normal school day with children expected to attend. If you have planned a holiday that runs until 16th April and are unable to change your plans to get your child back to school on this day, please see me in person. All reasonable requests for absence will be authorised.

This at least will claw back one of the lost days of learning.

Thank you for your continued understanding and support.

Yours faithfully

Ian Hyde
Headteacher



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