Our Ref. MMc /DMB 9th January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

School welcomed back pupils on Tuesday 7th January, 2025 to start the Spring Term. We have been battling with adverse weather conditions on the school site, locally and regionally ever since. I am extremely grateful to staff, parents and transport for their best efforts in getting pupils and themselves into school safely and to the site staff who have worked tirelessly to make the site safe. They used 28 bags of rock salt just yesterday.

Following a school and campus site inspection this morning, conditions have and are predicted to continue to deteriorate further to the point where the site and local area has become unsafe. There are also significant and unpredictable traffic challenges for pupils and staff, who travel a range of distances to get to school. Temperatures have not increased, and further icy conditions (-4 to -6 C) are forecast for this evening and into tomorrow morning.

As a result, I feel there is no other option but to **close school** on **Friday 10th January**.  You will appreciate that these decisions are never easy, but the safety of all members of our community will always come first. I wanted to share this decision with you as soon as possible in order to provide you with the maximum amount of time to prepare for your child not being able to attend school tomorrow. My decision is also fully supported by our Governing Board.

I expect school to **re-open** on **Monday 13th January**, as temperatures rise above freezing.

Thank you, please be safe over the weekend,

Yours sincerely,

**Mr McCann**

**Head Teacher**