



10th January 2025

Plans for Re-Opening Monday 13th January

Dear families,

I am writing to inform you of re-opening plans for Monday 13th January. The forecast is predicting above zero temperatures over the weekend, which should begin to melt some of the ice. Whilst our site team have been attempting to clear as much of the school site as possible throughout this week, we have contracted an additional external company to work over the weekend to clear away as much of the remaining snow/ice on key paths and access routes as possible.

The staff car park will be cleared, and a path around the school for students and other stakeholders to walk in a single file with care. However, there is still likely to be banked snow on the school site, including in the car park.

We are keen to get all our students back to school and learning again, so I have outlined plans below.

Drive and drop, including car share

We ask that families avoid driving into the car park next week. Where possible, we ask families/neighbours to car share. We encourage families to avoid driving on Thorn Lane. If you must drive, it will help movement if you could drop off children on either Haworth Road or Bingley Road. Although Thorn Lane is a priority one area, at the time of writing, this area is still covered in heavy compacted snow and ice.

Site Safety

We may need to change the evacuation plans, as the MUGA is unlikely to be clear by Monday. Adaptations will be communicated with all students and staff during morning meeting on Monday.

To reduce the chance of slipping on the ice, students are permitted to come to school in trainers or boots (but not wellies) and **will not** be expected to change into school shoes upon arrival.

Social Times

It is unlikely that, other than for emergency evacuation purposes, the school yard will be safe for use. All students will remain inside the school building to reduce risks of any injuries due to compacted snow and ice at social times. Whilst children will always understandably want to throw snowballs, the sub-zero temperatures over the last week have turned the snow into incredibly dangerous ice, which would cause significant injuries if thrown at others. We ask all students not to touch the snow/ice with hands. It would help if you could discuss health and safety implications with your child. Thank you.

Exams

Year 11 exams will continue as planned. The sports hall is set up to mirror summer examinations. As a reasonable adjustment, given the cold weather and freezing temperatures, on Monday students will be permitted to wear coats for their own comfort. This will be reviewed daily as temperatures fluctuate throughout the week.

These exams represent an important period for Year 11, as well as supporting the learning process results are used for college applications and references. Thank you in advance for making every effort to ensure your child is in school to complete all their exams over the next two weeks.

Thank you once again for the support and understanding over this week's school closure due to the adverse weather conditions. We can only apologise for the disruption and inconvenience the school closure will have caused you and your family. The safety of our pupils, families and staff was our absolute priority. Thank you for encouraging your child to engage with live lessons; students have been rewarded with points on ClassCharts for demonstrating our school values whilst working from home.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B K Dey', on a light-colored background.

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