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School Closure – Friday 2nd March 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

We are writing to you today to inform you that Queen Eleanor's will be closed tomorrow due to severe weather conditions across the region.

As we are sure you can appreciate, this is not a decision we have taken lightly as we know it will affect your ability to go to work yourselves. As such, we thought it would be appropriate to share with you the factors we have to consider when such a decision is made.

Our decision to close the school is not only based on the immediate weather conditions around the school. As Headteacher, I have to balance the safety of the staff and children with the legal duty to keep the school open. A number of our staff live quite a distance from school and had difficult journeys in today with many living in areas more widely effected by the snow in the last 24 hours. Based on the most recent weather forecast we have right now, there is further snowfall forecast in many of the areas our staff live in and that would mean we have very few members of staff available to supervise the children tomorrow.

When we make the decision to close the school it is also based on the ability of staff to supervise students. It is never an easy decision to make and I appreciate the support and understanding we continue to have from the parents of children who attend Queen Eleanor's.

We have chosen to inform you now in order to give you some extra time to make child care arrangements rather than having to try and arrange something last minute.

We are planning on opening the school as usual on Monday.

The closure will mean the postponement of our Day of Difference. We would like to thank all of the parents/carers who volunteered to help and apologise for any inconvenience caused. We will be in touch next week with further details.

We will now be sending out the consent/payment letters for the Summer Term clubs and the Before School Club booking forms on Monday. Please check your child's bag.

Many thanks for your ongoing support.

Roger Blackburn
Headteacher

Peter Brayne
Chair of Governors

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