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'Excellence and happiness for all'

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Dear Parents and Carers

You may have seen that snow is forecast for tonight and tomorrow morning. Mr Roberts, our caretaker, has already been out gritting the playground in preparation for the predicted snowfall.

As always, bad weather and snow in particular, tends to cause disruption on the roads and safety can be compromised for all. The roads and pathways can be treacherous to navigate in the morning for staff, parents and children alike. Staff will, of course, make their best efforts to get to work however, we do have a number of staff who live a considerable distance from school, who may struggle to get to work in the case of significant snowfall.

The forecast is changeable at the moment, so I don't feel I can make an informed, advance decision about whether the school will be open as usual or closed tomorrow. I will of course, endeavour to tell you as soon as possible in the morning, if we do need to close: I will strive to do this by 7.30am.

If this is the case we will inform you in the following ways:

- We will contact Your Harrogate and Greatest Hits Radio and advise them of the closure – Please listen in to the regular bulletins re: school closures.

You can check Your Harrogate and Greatest Hits Radio 'snow closure list' on their websites:

[Your Harrogate](#) | [Your local radio station in the Harrogate District](#)

[School closures in Harrogate & The Dales](#) | [Local - Greatest Hits Radio \(Harrogate and the Yorkshire Dales\)](#) (planetradio.co.uk)

- We will send an email message to parents using Arbor (as long as this service is working).
- A message will also be placed on Whole School Dojo and Tapestry.
- Our website will display a school closed message.

Please do not telephone the school to ask if we are open/closed as we will need our phone lines available for staff to contact school if they are having difficulties in getting to work.

If you do not receive any messages from school/via Your Harrogate, then please assume that school is open as usual.

If the weather is particularly inclement and we do need to close, then as we do not experience snow that often in the UK, I would like the children to be able to enjoy their snow day. Some ideas for what the children could do are:



- Make a snow animal and take a photo. Send the photo into the school office. Please only do this if you are giving permission for the photo to be used in our newsletter and on our school social media pages. I wonder how many different animals we can make!
- Snow angels
- Sledging
- Build an igloo
- Help parents/carers to clear paths (and with permission maybe help a neighbour clear their path too.)
- Make a snowman/woman

There are lots more interesting ideas here: <https://www.parents.com/fun/activities/outdoor/snow-activities-kids/>

If we need to close for more than one day, (let's hope not) then we hope to provide remote learning for the children.

Similarly, it may be necessary to close the school during the day if the weather becomes very inclement. You will be notified of this via text/email and Whole School Dojo/Tapestry, so please remember to check messages regularly.

Closing the school is a last resort and we do so to keep everyone safe. I'm hoping that any snowfall will be small and that we can operate as usual, but it's best to be prepared.

Many thanks for your co-operation and understanding.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "C. Penhale". The signature is written in a cursive style and is enclosed in a light blue rectangular box.

Corrine Penhale
Headteacher