



**BECKET KEYS
CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL**

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Dear Parents/Carers

RE: SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS

During winter months, severe weather conditions may make it impossible for students and staff to come to school. These conditions are rare and are unlikely to occur every year and our aim is always to keep the school open. However, our priority must be the safety of students and staff.

When such weather conditions occur, we would like parents to be aware of the following:

- Sometimes the school will close early – we will avoid this as much as possible and will never force a student to leave the site. Students will always be allowed to stay here, keeping safe, warm and dry.
- On such occasions, students may be encouraged to use mobile telephones to contact their parents to keep them informed. School telephones will be made available, if required.
- Sometimes the school will not open. In these situations, we will let parents know as far in advance as reasonably practical. However, we will not rush the decision nor try to second guess the weather.
- On occasions the school may only open to Year 11 and Year 13. Limited staff may be available, but we would want to continue to support these groups in their exam year.
- **Please avoid telephoning the school directly.** The school will always post details of a school closure on our X Feed and on our Facebook Page. We will also send an email. Please do not trust other sources!
- It would help if all parents checked the information that we hold for them to ensure that email addresses and telephone numbers are correct. This can be done easily through the My Child at School App. Click on 'Data Collection Form' then 'Edit Details' then 'Personal'.
- No one should attempt to make the journey to school if road conditions are dangerous.
- If the bad weather continues, every effort will be made to keep the school running to a normal working routine.
- We liaise with the local primary schools and try to make the same arrangements so that there is consistency for siblings. However, this is not always possible.

If the school is closed for one day, specific high quality revision tasks will be set on Satchel One for Year 11 and Year 13 – other year groups will be set some work. If the school remains closed, comprehensive schoolwork will be set on Satchel One for lessons that are missed. In

the extremely unlikely event that the school remains closed for longer than four days, it is possible that the school may begin to use Microsoft Teams to teach some remote lessons. Instructions and links will be sent via Satchel One for this. Please check that your son/daughter can log into [Microsoft Office365](#) and can access Teams.

Best regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Scott-Evans'.

Mr. A. Scott-Evans
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