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Dear Parent / Carer,

As we are again approaching the time of year where we may experience some adverse weather, I write to you today to update you on the arrangements that are in place for winter 2017 / 2018.

In the case of severe / adverse weather we need to be able to communicate with you as quickly as possible to give you information about changes to transport arrangements or a change in the status as to whether to school is open, partially open or closed. To support this communication a number of facilities exist:

- The Aberdeenshire Council School closure website:
<https://online.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/Apps/schools-closures/>
This website will give you current status of the school as to whether it is open, partially open or closed.
- The Aberdeenshire Council School information Service: 0370 054 4999. The Mearns Academy Pin number is: 02 10 90. On this number you will hear the most up-to-date information as to the status of the school during adverse weather.
- We may also use the Groupcall /email/ text messaging facility.
- Radio and Social Media: For example Northsound and North East Community Radio (NECR) and the Mearns Academy Facebook page.

Where school transport is not running, please do not take your child(ren) to school yourself, unless it is safe to do so. If you do take your child(ren) to school, please remember that it is then your responsibility to collect them if the school closes early or at the end of the school day.

In the event of a school closure, where appropriate, learning activities for pupils will be available on GLOW and the support of parents/carers is sought to encourage their children to make use of on-line educational resources or to carry out revision.

Hopefully we will have a mild winter and the above procedures will not be required, however if snow or other adverse conditions prevail, we now have support for you and your family to ensure our young people are safe.

Yours sincerely

David J Martindale
Rector