



Date: Thursday 17th February 2022

Re: School Closure due to Extreme Weather – 18th Feb 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

You will be aware that warnings have been issued about Storm Eunice which is set to hit the UK over the next 24 hours. Shropshire is one of the areas that has been upgraded from a Yellow to an Amber weather warning and is expecting gusts of up to 70-80 mph.

An amber warning mean there is an **“increased likelihood of impacts from severe weather**, with the Met Office guidance stating. “...there is the possibility of travel delays, road and rail closures, power cuts and the potential risk to life and property.

Having reviewed communication from the Local Authority; schools are asked to consider their local setting and circumstance during such extreme weather and the potential of the need for school closure. Consideration is given to site location and layout, the nature of the areas and distance students and staff travel from, the feasibility of being able to keep staff and students indoors if required, staffing, utility/power outage and access/egress concerns.

Having completed a risk assessment, we have made the decision to close the school tomorrow to ensure that all members of our school community stay safe. We have many students and staff that travel into school from remote rural areas, which for students means catching a bus in a remote location which puts them at high risk. In addition, the nature of our school site means that the option of keeping children continually indoors throughout the day would not be manageable.

To support students at home, we will where possible be providing distance learning work for all lessons via Satchell One; there may for some lessons be a live element via Microsoft Teams. Should there be any technical or access issues where work cannot be set for an individual lesson, work should be accessed via the Oak National Academy ([Click Here](#)).

Can I apologise for any inconvenience caused by this decision, although I hope that you understand that our priority is to keep all students and members of the school community safe.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Yours sincerely

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