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Aim High

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Friday 2nd March 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

I am sure that you will join me in thanking all of the staff who have travelled into school, in some times incredibly difficult circumstances, to ensure that we remain open for our children. I would also like to thank the very many parents/carers who have personally thanked school staff for their efforts to keep school open.

Closing a school is never taken lightly as we are very aware of the impact this has to child care, parent/carers being able to work and lost learning time for the children. Any decision to close is made based on

- conditions on site – if paths are clear, heating is adequate to meet regulations, access roads are clear etc.
- if staff can safely make it to the school site – any reduction in child : ratio is considered to ensure that children are still safe in our care
- provision can be made for school meals, deliveries have made it through to the site and kitchen staff are onsite to cook

As our site was safe and the vast majority of our staff could attend each day this week, it meant that we did not have any justified reason to close.

I do understand that some families travel from further afield than just our catchment area and road conditions in some of the outskirts of Peterborough have been worse hit than here locally. In this case, it is of course a decision for the parent/carer to make regarding whether it is safe to travel.

It has been a challenging week for all of us but we have ensured that the children have been well looked after, kept warm, thawed and dried after exciting times playing in the snow and made the most of a rare event of snow fall in Peterborough. We have also made provision for children who would prefer to stay inside at break and lunch.

Particular thanks go to Mr Johnson who has worked diligently to ensure that the site is safe for all of our school community and I am sure you agree he has done a fabulous job.

Regarding the miscommunication via the Peterborough City Council website I would like to apologise and highlight that this was **not** the fault of Norwood. I have spoken to the relevant staff at PCC to highlight the issue and they removed the incorrect information as soon as possible.

We are hoping that the forecast for next week, according to BBC weather, is accurate and we can return to temperatures above zero.

Have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Mrs D Reynolds
Head Teacher

