



ST CATHERINE'S
COLLEGE
A CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

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Dear Parents and Carers

Many of you may remember that in previous years we have sought your views regarding potential school closures in the event of significant snowfall. We are once again contacting you to ask for your input in this matter.

Snow days often divide opinion, and the decision to close a school is never taken lightly. We are committed to minimising disruptions to learning and we are mindful that time away from school means valuable lessons and learning may be missed. However, there is another important consideration: providing our students with the rare opportunity to enjoy the snow, to build snowmen, sledge, and engage in snowball fights with family and friends.

We would greatly appreciate it if you could take a moment to [complete this quick form](#) and share your views on this matter. If the majority of our families tell us that they would like us to dedicate some time over to enjoying the snow, then we could run school sculpture competitions and encourage the students to send us photographs of snowmen, any other creative snow creations or snow activities they participate in.

Of course, there may be days when the snow is too heavy for people to travel safely or where the premises may be unsafe and, if this occurs, we will have to take the decision to close the school.

At this stage, we cannot predict that there will even be any snow this winter. As such, this letter may prove unnecessary, but we felt it important to gather your views in advance of any decisions that may need to be made during the coming winter weeks.

With thanks, as ever, for helping us to shape our provision and for your continued understanding and support.

Kind regards and very best wishes

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Headteacher

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Deputy Headteacher

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Head of School

"I have come that you may have life and have it to the full" John 10:10