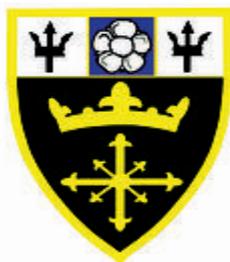


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Friday 5th February 2021

Dear Families,

Mental Health Week

Thank you for supporting your child to reflect on ways of expressing themselves this week, celebrating that they are all individual, unique and special. We have thoroughly enjoyed seeing their talents and interests as singers, dancers, artists, musicians, influencers, cooks, gardeners, sports mascots, digital designers

Should you have any concerns regarding your child's mental health, please see the link below, allowing you to speak directly to a mental health nurse about your concerns.

<https://www.tevv.nhs.uk/call-us-if-youre-concerned-about-a-child-or-young-persons-mental-health-in-teesside/>



Snow Forecast

In light of the weekend's weather forecast, here is a reminder of our adverse weather protocol for those families with children still attending school.

As you are aware, we will always make every attempt to keep school open in the event of poor weather, but our first concern is the safety of both children and staff. We would only ever close school or send children home if it was felt to be unsafe to remain open, due to staff ratios being inadequate, or if there was a problem keeping the building physically safe. Also, please be assured that children would **not** be sent home early from our school unless an adult from the contact list was informed and safe arrangements were ensured for children.

However, please note the procedure across Redcar and Cleveland for informing parents and the local community about school closures. In the case of severe weather, the council website would be regularly updated www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/alerts. The website information would then be used to inform other means of communication: www.facebook.com/rcbcalerts, Twitter @rcbcalerts, our own twitter accounts, ParentMail and the PFA Facebook page would be used to disseminate information, as well as the message line on the school's answer machine.

The default setting is that school will be open as normal for children booked in.

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In the event of icy or snowy weather, children need to come to school in wellingtons or boots, as we will take the children outside to enjoy the snow if there is no compacted ice.

If ground conditions are slippery, Mr Woodhouse tries to ensure that a pathway is cleared and gritted on main routes in and out of school, but we do ask parents and children to be careful and allow a little extra time to arrive at school safely.

With very best wishes to all of our families. Have a lovely weekend - stay safe.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Woodhead
Headteacher