



# St Martin-in-the-Fields High School for Girls

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Friday 2nd March 2018

Dear Families

Like the majority of schools, primary and secondary, despite the adverse weather, we have remained open and intend to do so today. Health and safety is our utmost priority and we have carefully risk assessed the site and any potential staffing issues.

Our premises team have been on site very early and very late to ensure that the site is well gritted and safe. There is a forecast of snow later today, but this does appear to warrant us to make any amendments to the school day and we will remain open until the normal time.

A letter was sent to all families, via ParentMail, on 23 February 2018 updating you on our severe weather procedures. It did request that you sent back a tear off form if you wish your daughter to remain in school in the event of an early closure. I encourage you to return this as soon as possible. As you can see, It is essential that you read (and, if necessary respond to) the emails and SMS messages that are sent out via ParentMail as well as any attachments. Just in case you have not been able to access your ParentMail account, the form is also available on our website in the severe weather procedures page, along with the letter and policy.

ParentMail is our main vehicle for communication between school and home. If you have not yet registered for ParentMail, I urge you to do so. Parents tell us that downloading the free ParentMail app to their smartphone is by far the easiest way to stay connected with the school. If you have changed home details or email address, please let us have your updated information. In emergencies, we must be able to get hold of a parent/carer or named contact.

Please view our website for any up to date information about this current adverse weather situation. The longer term forecast, going into next week indicates that the temperature will rise and the current blast of cold air and snow will move away.

Students have been very sensible this week in the way they have moved about the building, and ensuring that they too take responsibility for their own safety as they walk on paths that have snow, whether this be inside or outside of the school. Many girls have also had fun in the snow!

With this unusual spell of adverse weather, we have taken a slightly more lenient approach to students wearing hoodies underneath or on top of their blazers. It has been important that they keep themselves warm with layers. However, as we resume our normal weather pattern and a rise in temperature, may I remind you that hoodies are not allowed in school and if your daughter wears boots to school, she should bring shoes to change into.

Today, at break we will give all of our students a complimentary hot chocolate drink and biscuit.

Thank you for your continued support and for helping us to maintain business as usual and teach your children despite the external challenges of 'The Beast from the East'

Wishing you a safe, warm and restful weekend.

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