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Ocean Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers

School opening and closure procedures in the event of snow

At Ocean Academy we have a robust process in place in the event of very inclement weather and this is a good time to remind students and their parents of the procedures for informing you about a possible school closure.

We are very keen that the school should remain open as we do not want to disrupt learning wherever possible. School will close if:

- It is dangerous for staff/children to get to/from school or it is dangerous at school
- A majority of staff are unable to get to school
- Roads are unsafe

Procedures that will be used to keep parents and students informed:

- By far the best way to keep yourself up to date is check the Ocean Academy website. Our website is updated regularly. It will not only say if the school is closed but, on days where there is any doubt, will confirm that the school is open if this is the case. The advantage of the school website is that specific staff can update it, even when they cannot get to school themselves. Information will be posted onto the website by 7.30am
- We will send a text and email by Teachers 2 Parents informing you if the school is closed
- Wave 105 will broadcast a list of any schools that are closed; taken directly from Dorset for You to ensure accuracy
- If parents or students phone the school, we will try to answer the phone but the website and Teachers 2 Parents is the most reliable method as staff may not have been able to get to school
- If during the school day, the weather causes us to make a decision to close the school early, our website will have up to date information. You will be sent a text/email as soon as the decision has been made
- The Aspirations South Coast District CEO will be informed to ensure all decisions are in the best interests of all staff and students.

Best wishes

Mrs J Quarrie
Principal

