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Dear Parents / Guardians

RE: Adverse Weather Conditions

Now that we are firmly into the winter and the weather is set to become colder I felt it was wise to write to you regarding our procedure if there are adverse weather conditions. In the event that a school closure becomes necessary, this decision will be taken on the basis of safety of our students and staff travelling to and from the school site, as well as the condition of the school grounds. Please do duly note that the decision to close the school, if necessary, is never an easy one to make and would not be taken lightly. I appreciate that any school closure can be frustrating from a parental perspective, however the overall safeguarding of our school community is our priority.

Should the decision be necessary then ideally it will be made as early as possible based on communication with the school site management team.

As parents/guardians you will be notified in the following ways:

- School website – www.st-thomasmore.org.uk
- School Twitter Feed - [@STMBedford](https://twitter.com/STMBedford)
- School Facebook Feed – [Facebook.com/STMBedford](https://www.facebook.com/STMBedford)
- Email / MCAS notification

If the site is open, pupils and staff should endeavor to attend but not if travelling through poor conditions, placing them at risk.

Should a closure take place when there are public examinations set to take place we will communicate with the relevant students directly regarding the arrangements for this.

I sincerely hope we avoid adverse weather this winter and that the education of our students is not impacted upon.

Yours sincerely

Martin Bonner
Head Teacher