



**NEWLANDS GIRLS' SCHOOL**  
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Dear Parents and Carers

**Re: Extreme Weather Arrangements**

Happy New Year and welcome back! I hope you had a restful holiday. Students can continue to wear sensible footwear this week (though no white socks over tights please) and we will assess the conditions for the following week on Friday and update you in Newlands News.

As the weather turns colder, it is important to be aware of the procedure we will follow should the school be forced to shut. A decision will be taken as early as possible on any given day, and appear on the landing page of the school website by no later than 7.00am. We will also send the same message via email. Further communication will be provided about re-opening via both platforms on any day of closure. If weather worsens significantly throughout a school day, the same communication methods will be used. We will work with families to find solutions should students be unable to go home using their usual transport.

During a school closure, students will be set work across the day. It is hoped that from period 2 onwards, interactive learning via Teams will take place and the students should either receive invitations to a live lesson, or a drop-in session to support set work, or work for independent learning with a check in at the end. Each subject will make arrangements that best suit their curriculum and where the class is in learning the curriculum. This is dependent on staff access to the internet, any children also at home to care for and access to online resources. For live lessons or drop in sessions, students will receive invitations to their lesson via a Teams invite. If the lesson is during period 1, an assignment will be set in Teams, and an email outlining where the work can be accessed will be sent. There will be no registration and the day will 'start' at 9.10am, with no expectation for any 'live' engagement (where this is possible) before 10.10am.

In the event of a school closure we ask for your patience and understanding, both in terms of what staff are able to offer and possible connectivity issues. We will endeavour to provide the best education that we can during this time.

If you have any concerns or queries regarding the content of the letter, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards



Miss Jo Capon  
Headteacher

