

17th February 2022

Dear parents and carers,

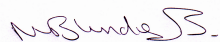
You will no doubt be aware of the red weather warning issued by the Met Office this afternoon which details the very severe conditions expected between 7am-12pm tomorrow morning. It is very rare to receive such a warning and schools have been asked to consider if it is safe to remain open. We are concerned about a number of our schools and many are situated in exposed areas of the city or surrounded by trees and older buildings. Both Bristol and North Somerset Local Authorities have taken the decision to close their schools and as a result we will move to remote learning for all of our schools tomorrow Friday 18th February. **All school buildings will be closed to students tomorrow, 18th February 2022.**

I recognise that this will be frustrating for many of you, please be reassured that we have not taken this decision lightly. A significant proportion of our children rely on bus/coach transport and large numbers of our staff have considerable distances to travel to work. In addition our schools are already under pressure with Covid related absence issues. Given the lessons learned during the pandemic we hope that we can ensure that our children have a productive school day tomorrow.

Your school will be in touch with you separately with detailed arrangements for your children and if you have any specific queries please do get in touch with them.

I look forward to welcoming all of our staff and students back after a much needed half term break and I hope that the weather is a little more spring-like by then.

Best wishes,



Neil Blundell
Executive Principal
Cathedral Schools Trust