

TUNBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you very much for your understanding this morning regarding partial closure of the school. I'm sure you will appreciate that we endeavour to keep the school open as far as it is safe and practical to do so.

We aim to respond as quickly as possible to the local information that we have, however this morning this changed unexpectedly due to further snowfall. Our teachers attempted in all good faith to travel to school and we were expecting a workforce which would mean that we could open the school to all pupils. As the number of teachers who could not make it into school increased, we had to make the decision to open only for those classes whose teachers were present. We did send texts messages to parents as soon as possible. We also updated the school website and the Kent school closure website.

Please be assured that our decisions have been based on health and safety considerations for your children. I appreciate that many of you will have been affected with your own jobs. I am also aware that many of you work for the emergency services and will have needed to make alternative arrangements for child care. I am conscious that decisions made will please some parents and not others. It is the expectation of Kent County Council that schools remain open to the maximum degree possible, as is consistent with health and safety requirements, even if it is not possible to run a full timetable. We have attempted to comply with this expectation as far as possible.

Although it appears to have stopped snowing at present, there is further snow expected tomorrow morning. Based on teachers' inability to travel to work so far this week, the decision to close the school tomorrow has been taken early. Therefore please note that the school is closed tomorrow- FRIDAY 2ND MARCH 2018.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

Please note that the school will be open on MONDAY 5TH MARCH 2018 unless otherwise indicated on the school website or via text message from the school.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher



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