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Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to thank you all for your patience and support during the inclement weather last week and the water supply issues we experienced earlier this week.

Each day presented a different set of challenges to keep the academy open; which I am sure you will acknowledge is always a difficult decision to make, from ensuring that students and staff are able to travel safely but more importantly, that they are safe on site. The challenges continued into the Friday afternoon when the snow storm led to us closing the academy at 2.30pm. Please accept my apologies for the late notice but after consulting the Met Office forecast for the local area, it was imperative that both students and staff were able to have as early a start, as possible, to what was a difficult journey home.

With regards to the water supply, it was with regret that we had to close the Academy on Tuesday 6th March. The Academy remained open on Monday 5th March as we had our own water supply up to the end of lunch break.

As always after these events, we re-evaluate our protocols, as well as the ways in which we communicate with you; our parents and carers. The decisions relating to school closure is always considered at the highest level, after taking into account local conditions and community welfare; do rest assured the safety of our students and staff is paramount.

In addition, I would personally like to thank our site team; for they worked tirelessly throughout last week to keep the academy open.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'SSM'.

Stuart Smith
Principal



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