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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you well. I would like to begin by thanking you for your continued patience and understanding as we navigate these challenging weather conditions.

Since my previous communication, I am pleased to report that contractors have gained access to the site and cleared a provisional path. However, this has introduced additional challenges as the cleared snow now needs to be moved to specific areas within the school site to reduce health and safety risks. Despite these efforts, the site has frozen over again due to the extreme temperatures of up to -10°C. Unfortunately, grit is ineffective below -5°C, and for it to work effectively, it requires vehicular traffic to crush and spread the salt, which is not feasible under the current conditions.

The forecast predicts continued extreme temperatures and ice, and we are aware that many side roads, including those leading to the school, are not gritted by the council. Even if they were, the temperatures would render the grit largely ineffective.

In light of this, I must inform you that the school will remain closed for the rest of this week. The weather forecast looks more positive from Sunday, and we envisage reopening as normal next week. We will send a text on Sunday to confirm the arrangements for Monday.

Class leads will continue to provide work and maintain communication with students. If you encounter any issues with this, please email the school at admin@forestmoor.org.uk as the phones are currently not in operation.

Once again, I apologise for the disruption this has caused to your routines and appreciate your ongoing support. We are committed to resuming normal operations as soon as it is safe to do so.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Kind Regards,

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