



Dear Families,

Thank you for your patience this week as we dealt with the “beast from the East”...

Please be assured that the decision to open or close is not taken lightly.

It involves considering the safety of your children and our staff, some of whom travel in from as far as Bexleyheath and Colchester. The risk of whether we will have enough staff to safely supervise children is the major factor for us and it can take some time to check this.

On Wednesday we gave you the option to collect early as Godwin were considering early closure. The first message said 2pm but was changed to reflect Godwin’s closure time (which we realised had changed). We did not close early but offered you the choice... This allowed staff with difficult journeys to leave a bit earlier. Thank you

Today conditions had improved, roads and trains were running well and staff were able to travel in safely.

Many thanks to Toufik who came in despite being on holiday to help Carlos our brave temporary site supervisor make sure the site was gritted and the rooms were warm.

How do we keep you informed?

- We update the website as soon as a decision is made but this is not instantaneous.
- We send parentmail messages... and can check they have been delivered and see if they have been read.
- We phone parents who we know have not registered for parentmail (just 10 families!) and leave voicemails if possible.

The admin team are very willing to help with technical challenges and work with you to make sure you receive the messages as it makes our jobs a lot easier!

We do however need you to:

- check for updates- emails or via the app
- ask for help if needed
- tell us if you change your phone number (or address!)
- talk to each other if only one parent receives the messages...

Could I also ask that we begin to further develop the parentmail habit and start to use it to report your child’s absence- it is really very quick and easy to do.

Thank you

Join the team and help shape the future of our school

We have a vacancy for a parent Governor. Information is coming out on Monday.

WORLD BOOK DAY We will dress up on 8th March as **BOOK CHARACTERS** (no film/TV characters please)

AND YOUR HOME LEARNING TASK.... – JUST 2 CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED SO FAR☹

The task is... In words and pictures please ...

What is your favourite story or book? What is it about? Why do you like it?

We would love to hear about favourite childhood books from as many family members as possible- please invite grandparents to take part too!

This can be completed with pen and paper or if you prefer you could email to info@woodgrange.newham.sch.uk (subject favourite book.) Don’t forget to write your family names on your work and return **NEXT WEEK**

Have a great weekend, Sarah & Staff