

Dear Parents and Carers,

4th March 2018

Thank you for your support during this period of very bad weather. I know it is a challenge for you when we have to shut the school. I hope that making earlier decisions has made things easier for you to plan - I'd be interested in any feedback you have in regards to this, please do drop me a line on VWhitcombe@castlemanor.org.uk

We have checked the site and are relieved that the big thaw is underway and therefore school will be open as usual tomorrow. The forecast is much better tomorrow, with temperatures reaching 9 degrees and even the sun showing itself in the afternoon.

We have our usual expectations regarding uniform and footwear - recommending that if you do live somewhere with remaining icy patches and need different shoes to walk to school, normal school shoes are carried and changed into on arrival.

Year 11 are facing their mock exams starting tomorrow with Biology session 3. The VCert Food exam that was supposed to happen last Thursday will happen on Tuesday this week in the afternoon. (6th March, 1.30pm).

We will also notify you of the rescheduled plans for celebrating World Book Day when we have confirmed them.

Finally, we have tried to communicate as clearly as possible and using as many methods as possible with parents this past week regarding closures. We still have parents who we don't have accurate mobile numbers or emails for. If you have not received closure texts please can you email in to our Office Manager, Mrs Taylor on JTaylor@castlemanor.org.uk giving your child's name, year group, your contact number and email address. If you know others who are telling you they don't receive our messages or emails please do pass this letter on to them for their actions.

Wishing you a warmer week as we head towards Spring!

Yours sincerely

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