



7 January 2026

Dear Parent/Guardian

Cold Weather Conditions

Happy New Year! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas break and are looking forward to the term ahead.

You may be aware that Storm Goretti is due to hit the UK throughout Thursday and Friday this week, bringing with it some potentially disruptive weather. Current reports suggest that our area is likely to experience heavy rain from Thursday afternoon into Friday morning due to higher temperatures compared to other parts of the country. However, some forecasts indicate that we could be on the fringe of heavy snow. As such, and to help students stay safe during the next two days, they are permitted to wear sturdy footwear suitable for cold, icy, and snowy conditions until the weekend. Students should be back in their normal school shoes on Monday.

We would like to remind all students that they must not walk on or climb onto ice under any circumstances. Ice and frozen water can be extremely dangerous and will not support a person's weight, even if it appears solid.

The safety of our students and wider school community remains our top priority, and we want to make you aware that travel to and from school may be more challenging than usual over the coming days due to the low temperatures. Please take extra care when walking or driving and allow additional time for your journey. Our site team has been working hard to clear and grit key pathways, although some areas may still be slippery.

To help keep the school warm and comfortable, heating times and temperatures have been extended during this cold period. Ice and snow present serious hazards, and students will be spoken to in school about these dangers, with reminders also shared via Google Classroom. We would be grateful if you could reinforce this message at home and encourage students to take extra care as the cold weather continues.

At present, the school remains open and lessons are continuing as normal. However, we fully understand that some families may experience delays or difficulties due to the conditions. If your child will be late or unable to attend, please inform the school in the usual way:

- Absence: via the Class Charts app
- Lateness: by email to mesattendance@maidenerleghtrust.org



We will continue to monitor the weather closely over the next few days. Should conditions deteriorate further or if any changes to the school day become necessary, we will notify you immediately via email, text message, our school website and via X.

If the school needs to close during the school day:

- Staff will give clear instructions to students about the arrangements.
- Communication will be sent to all parents via email and text message.
- A notice will be posted on the school's homepage.
- A notice will also be posted on X.

If the school closes before the start of the school day:

- Communication will be sent to all parents via email and text message as early as possible.
- A notice will be posted on the school's homepage.
- A notice will also be posted on X.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep our students safe. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Your sincerely



Mr S Jump
Headteacher

