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Dear Parent/Carers,

As you will now probably be aware, Leicestershire has declared a major incident as a result of today's exceptional flooding and the impact on local roads, homes and businesses. This clearly is unprecedented and reflects the severity of the challenges faced this morning when making the decision to close the school. Ratby was an area particularly affected by these floods as highlighted in the article at 16.25 below:

https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/live/cj6zjjnrlp4t

I would like to thank all of our parents and carers who worked with us today, especially those who sent messages of understanding and support. Closing our school is never an easy decision and sadly circumstances can dictate less than perfect timings as was the case today.

The environment agency site shows clearly that a number of flood warnings will remain in place and will most certainly impact travel tomorrow to some extent.

https://check-for-flooding.service.gov.uk/target-area/034FWFROGLENFLD?v=map-live&lyr=mv,ts,tw,ta&ext =-1.258979,52.609604,-1.191412,52.686219

Sadly I can not predict if the situation will worsen or ease overnight. Rain is not forecast overnight but snow melt water entering the river systems could easily exacerbate the issues in our area.

As it stands we are planning to fully open tomorrow morning but will be understanding of students who may arrive late as parents / buses face the same challenges as our staff. Should things have deteriorated overnight we will partially open the school and invite in only the following Year Groups:

Year 7, Year 10, Year 11 and Post 16

Parents who have children in other year groups I would ask and advise that a back up plan be put in place should we need to partially close.

Once again I apologise for the disruption caused to your child's learning. I sincerely hope we will be fully open tomorrow but I hope you will understand this is quite an exceptional set of circumstances.

Yours Sincerely

W.M.

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