

## St Mark's C of E School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We look forward to welcoming the children back tomorrow. We hope you all enjoyed the break, and wish you a very Happy New Year.

As the weather is extremely cold at the moment and expected to stay this way, we kindly remind you that your child will need appropriate warm clothing for travelling to and from school and for break and lunchtimes. Please ensure that all coats, gloves, scarves, hats etc. are clearly named.

We would also like to advise you that secondary phase students are permitted to enter the school building from 7:30am, even if they are not purchasing breakfast so they are not waiting in the cold.

In the highly unlikely event of a school closure due to the weather, we will contact parents and carers via email and our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/stmarkssouthampton>). Please keep an eye out for any messages shared through these platforms.

We will aim to contact all parents and carers as soon as possible should the school need to close. In case we need to close during the day, it is important that you ensure the school office is informed of any changes to telephone numbers.

However the great news is the heating is working, we have water and no snow is forecast overnight, so we are ready for you in the morning!

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Stephanie Bryant

Executive Headteacher