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Dear parents and carers,

Further to our communication this morning, I would like to provide some clarification behind the necessary decision to close the school today.

I am conscious that some parents may be disappointed and reflect those views on social media, therefore I would like to explain our decision in further detail.

The reason for the closure is not due to the amount of snow that has fallen on the school site but is as a result of the impact the inclement weather has had on travel arrangements. This was as much to do with the timing of the snow as it was the volume, with heavy snow occurring just before rush hour. With staff travelling from a wide range of places including Sheffield, Leeds, Doncaster and Lincoln, the ability for us to offer any meaningful provision was severely limited. We would have been able to offer less than 50% of our normal provision and as such, a decision needed to be taken at the earliest opportunity to try and minimise any disruption or inconvenience.

I apologise for any inconvenience caused, this was not an easy decision to take but it was one that we needed to take before 8am to ensure that we could communicate with you and the school transport.

Thank you for your understanding,

Kind regards,

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Mr Rowlands