



20 January 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians

I hope you are all well and enjoyed a restful and peaceful break.

Our Lent term is now in full throttle and Christmas seems a distant twinkly memory. The College is alive with play rehearsals, the new College Song, a gymnastics competition, climate action groups, History trips and debaters and that is just in the first two weeks.

As we go into our second term of celebrating our 150th year, we are looking forward to some really exciting events; from the 150th Jubilee Ball (please do join us!) to the Big Debate chaired by Michael Buerk who will also be giving our Principal's Lecture (more details to follow). After a busy February we will then be looking towards International Women's Day in March.

Having seen the UK descend into snow in December, and more recently this week, we wanted to take this moment to also outline what our approach might be should we have snow on Guernsey.

Firstly, as with other health and safety advice, we will follow the States' guidance in terms of whether schools should be open or not.

However, given the developments in distance learning, we will now be able to offer a much deeper provision should we have to shut for safety reasons.

With many of us recalling fond memories of joyful snow-days in our own childhood and keeping in mind how incredibly rare they are in Guernsey; we have decided that the first day of a snow shut down will be a lighter touch in terms of distance teaching. Whilst there will be an opportunity to connect with teachers and seek revision support, we will have a programme that children can opt in or out of to allow for more time for snowman building and sliding down hills.

Should the snow continue, we will on the second day and onwards, revert to a full remote provision as we did during the most recent Covid lockdown.

In addition, on the second day and onwards, we will also add to the Melrose provision for its Preparatory Department on Seesaw. There will be two live contact points during the day to allow pupils and parents contact with their Form Teacher. This would be on Teams and accessed through a link sent to you.

Our understanding is that the States will make a judgement on school closures or opening by 07:15 in the morning, so in the event of a ruling from them that schools will close, we will communicate with you through Parent Hub and social media. For more information please see: <https://www.ladiescollege.com/information/snow-plan>

Wishing you and yours a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes



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Principal