

24th January 2021

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Due to the poor weather conditions that we are currently experiencing and, after careful consideration and assessment of our sites and the risks involved, all St Nicholas Owen Catholic MAC schools will be closed to staff and all pupils, tomorrow, Monday 25th January 2021.

Although the snowfall seems to have eased, it is still quite deep in some areas and with reduced traffic due to lockdown, some roads are significantly affected. Our main concern is that temperatures are due to drop below freezing throughout the night and into the morning which would make for treacherous conditions for staff and pupils travelling to school. For the health and safety of everyone and to support efforts to minimise the potential impact of additional accidents on the NHS, we feel that this decision is in the best interests of all.

Our teachers and pupils are currently very well prepared for continuing with their education and accessing remote learning when they are not in school. Pupils should be familiar with how they approach their online learning and parents can access further ideas, activities and guidance via the school website. And of course, fun in the snow will provide a wonderful opportunity for physical exercise!

As the weather seems set to improve from mid-morning tomorrow, we envisage re-opening school sites at the usual times on Tuesday morning for those vulnerable and critical worker pupils who have been attending already this term.

The leaders and staff of St Nicholas Owen Catholic MAC remain committed to working in the best interests of our children and families during the current challenging times.

Stay home, keep warm and stay safe!

God Bless

Suzanne Horan

Catholic Senior Executive Leader