



Stratton Upper School

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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to you as a matter of urgency because of our concerns regarding the weather forecast for tonight. Unfortunately, tonight is the night we have planned to hold our Christmas Ball for the sixth form and there is currently snow forecast for both the evening and early morning.

This is a significant concern for us, as although we do not want to cancel the Ball, neither do we want to have anyone hurt as a consequence of travelling either to or from the venue (Bedford Corn Exchange).

As a result we have decided to go ahead, but only for those students whose parents having reviewed the weather forecast, are willing to make their own assessment and accept the risk of their son or daughter travelling to and from the event.

We understand that the Head Students have put in an enormous amount of effort to organise the ball and of course that everyone is looking forward to it. This has contributed to our decision. We have waited as long as possible for an as accurate as possible weather forecast and at this time we think it is worthwhile continuing. However, the forecast may deteriorate and of course it may be inaccurate and hence the weather might be worse than expected. The last thing anyone would want is for one of our students to be injured in an accident caused by the bad weather and hence if we believe this to be a real risk we will cancel the Ball at short notice and all students will be contacted. However, we do think it is likely that the Ball will have to finish earlier than planned unless the bad weather does not arrive. We expect your son or daughter to contact you to confirm arrival time in Biggleswade.

We think it is sensible for you to keep in contact with your son or daughter during the evening and watch the weather in your location. Teachers will do the same at the Corn Exchange. If you are concerned about the deteriorating state of the weather or the roads you will want to be able to contact the teachers through your son/daughter to organise for their return home. Likewise teachers will respond either to what they are observing, or information from Biggleswade and the surrounding villages by stopping the event and organising the return home if this is deemed necessary. You can contact the teachers in charge on this mobile phone number: 07771924507. However, it may well be engaged, so you would be better advised to ring your son or daughter direct.

To ensure that you have received this letter, understood the content and are prepared to accept the risk of your son or daughter travelling to and from the Ball, we ask you to sign the slip below and return it to either Mrs Conner or Ms Harper before entry will be allowed to the Corn Exchange.

Yours sincerely

Neil Bramwell
Headteacher

I have read and understood the risks associated with travel to and from the sixth form Christmas Ball and I am happy for my son/daughter to attend.

Name of student: Form:

Signature of Parent:





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