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### A Specialist School in Science and Mathematics

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Dear Parents/Carers

Following the closure of the School due to snow, two weeks ago, the School has looked closely at its communication systems with a view to improvement.

We are just starting a 30-day trial with a text messaging service, which will send a 'single' message to the Parents/ Carers of all students or selected groups. It does use the 'Student Information System' and for this new service to be very effective, the School's system must be up to date. ***Please can you ensure that we have an accurate mobile contact for you.*** If you are unsure, please call the School Office.

This service will not receive messages, so please use the existing systems for contacting the School. For any future emergency closures, the School will still use the website and Radio City.

With regard to student mobile telephones, the School guidance is that students do not need telephones in school but if they do bring one into school, they must ensure it is switched off during the school day. If a student's phone rings, or is used during lessons, it will be confiscated. Confiscated items are kept in the School Safe and are to be collected by parents, upon notification. If there is any difficulty with this collection, then please contact the School and a senior member of staff will respond to this.

I am keen to seek the views of parents on aspects of school life and I wish to establish a Parents' Focus Group for this purpose. To be effective, this group does not need to be large but should be representative of the different Key Stages within the School. I have discussed this with the Parents' Association who are very supportive, but I wish to open this to all Parents/Carers. If you would be interested, please could you contact my PA, Joanne Holmes, in writing.

Thank you for all your support in helping us to improve the effectiveness of communication at School.

Yours faithfully

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