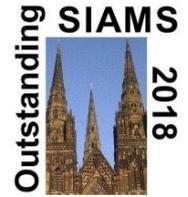




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8th January 2026

Dear Parents,

As you may be aware, Storm Goretti is forecast to bring significant winter weather to Staffordshire from this evening into tomorrow morning, with the Met Office issuing an amber warning for heavy snow across parts of the county from 8pm tonight until 9am on Friday. Forecasts indicate that the storm will bring a “multi-hazard” mix of strong winds, rain, and snow, with the Midlands.

Although Standon is not currently highlighted as the highest-impact zone, the surrounding region is included in the wider amber and yellow warnings, meaning travel disruption, icy surfaces, and difficult conditions are likely overnight and into the morning.

School Arrangements

At this stage, our intention is to remain open tomorrow. We will continue to monitor conditions closely throughout the evening and early morning.

To support safety on site, staff will grit the pathways and key areas before leaving today, and we will assess the site again early tomorrow to ensure it is as safe and accessible as possible.

What Children Should Bring

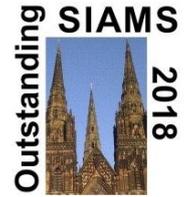
To help keep children warm and dry, please ensure they come to school with:

- A warm, waterproof coat
- Hats, gloves, and scarves
- Waterproofs if available
- Wellies or sturdy boots for outdoor movement
- Indoor shoes to change into — wellies/boots should be additional, not a replacement for normal school footwear

We expect the grounds to be cold, wet, and potentially slushy, so appropriate clothing will make a big difference to comfort and safety.



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Possible School Closure

While we will make every effort to stay open, there is a possibility that we may need to close if staff are unable to travel safely from their home locations due to snow or ice.

If a closure becomes necessary, we will inform families via email, ClassDojo, and our Facebook page, following the same communication approach used earlier this week.

The safety of our children, families, and staff is always our highest priority, and any decision regarding closure will be made with great care and consideration. We appreciate your understanding and support as we navigate the challenging weather conditions brought by Storm Goretti.

With warm regards,

David Elliott-Hancock
Headteacher