



Grange Technology College

15 January 2010

Dear Parents and Carer

This has been the most difficult start to any year that I have experienced in 26 years of working in school. I would like to thank all of you for your efforts in keeping disruption to our students' education to a minimum. The efforts that both students and staff have made to get to school during very difficult weather conditions have been extraordinary at times. The great majority of students have attended school well during the last few days.

Our aim is to keep school open whenever it is possible however, on two occasions since the beginning of term I have not been able to ensure that sufficient staff would be present in the building to ensure that students would be safe and that education could continue. If school is open, we expect all students to attend unless there are very good reasons why they should not do so.

As many of you know, we try to send a text message out as soon as any decision is made. There have been occasional problems with the technology involved and it seems that, on some mobile networks, message delivery is delayed at times. If you have not given us your mobile number, or it has recently changed, please let us have up to date numbers so that we can make sure you are included in our text alerts. Please print and return the form below if we do not already have contact numbers or you have changed your number.

When making the decision to remain open or close the school we must take a number of factors into account. For this reason, it is not always possible to make a decision until we have checked the conditions at the school and a number of staff have been able to report in on their journey to work. It would greatly help us if parents and carers would delay calling about school opening until 7.30 am if possible. We always aim to make a decision by this time and send out text messages, update the Grange Technology College website (www.grangetc.org.uk) and inform BBC Radio Leeds (92.4FM, 95.3FM & DAB)

Once again, thank you all for your efforts – the vast majority of students have attended school and therefore lost very little time in education as a result of the poor weather. We are told that these wintery conditions may return – you can be sure that we will make every possible attempt to keep Grange running as normal.

Yours sincerely

Paul Burluraux – Headteacher

Please print and return to Pupil Office – New Telephone Numbers to be entered on system

Students Name	Tutor Group	Id Number
Home Telephone No	Mobile No	
Name of Mobile Contact		

