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Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents and Families,

**Re - Storm Ciaran**

There has been much in the news recently about the impact that Storm Ciaran might have on the South West. We have been monitoring this very closely over the day and there is still an Amber weather warning in place. This level of alert poses a potential 'risk to life' which means that we have taken the regrettable decision to close Okehampton College tomorrow to all students and staff. We have not taken this decision lightly but believe it is in the best interest of students and staff's safety.

Similarly, to when we have experienced snow warnings, all students will be set work online tomorrow via Class Charts to be completed during the day. This work will follow their normal Thursday Week B timetabled lessons.

Closing a school is always a last resort as we appreciate the disruption that it causes. However, in this case and in light of the weather warning from the Met Office, we feel this is the safest option for all.

The weather forecast for Friday looks better so we currently fully intend to reopen on Friday 3rd November. We will of course update you if this changes.

Any school trips that were due to be running tomorrow will not be now happening and further details will be sent to you regarding these.

Thank you for your support and please look after yourself during this period of extremely poor weather.

Yours sincerely

**Andrew Sweeney**  
**Principal**

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