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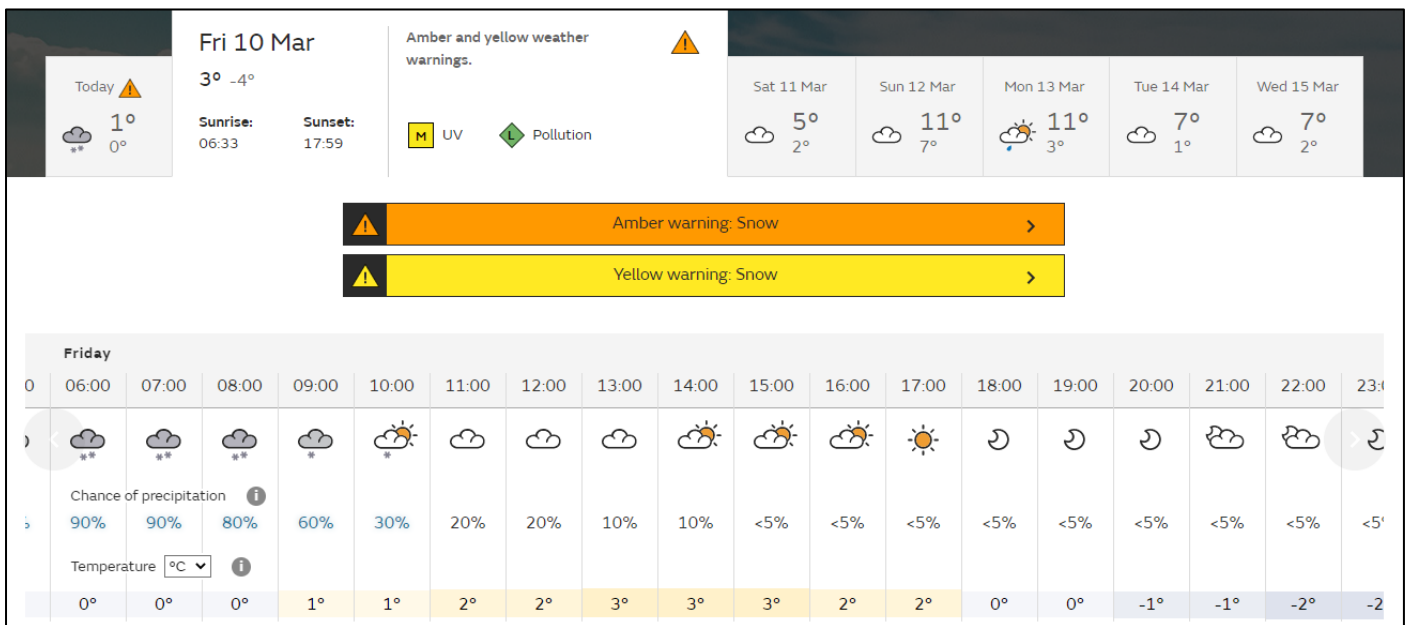
Potential disruption on Friday 10th March 2023

Dear families,

Thank you for getting your children to school as normal this morning – it's very exciting when the snow settles but for lots of headteachers, it is a bit of a nightmare deciding what to do to make sure children, families and staff are safe.

I am writing to you with plans for tomorrow **Friday 10th March 2023** in case I cannot open school.

The forecast at the moment suggests there will be heavy snow across parts of West Yorkshire overnight and through to the morning until about 9am. This is the forecast for our school postcode – as you can see, there are also amber and yellow weather warnings for snow and ice.




I am therefore strongly recommending that all families come up with alternative plans for their children in-case of an unplanned closure of school.

I will of course give everyone as much notice as possible but it may be tomorrow morning when the decision is made as with us living in England, the weather is often unpredictable!

Updates will be sent via text and the MCAS App. Please make sure you are also following our Facebook and Twitter pages for updates:

 **Facebook:** @SouthKirkbyAcademy

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SCHOOL CLOSURE PLAN

In the event of school closure on **Friday 10th March 2023**, the plan will be as follows:

Thursday 9th March 2023	<p>All children will come home with an envelope containing their Microsoft Teams, MyON and Times Table Rockstars logins.</p> <p>These can all be accessed on phones, tablets, laptops and computers.</p> <p>You may need to download the Teams app if you have not done so already.</p> <p>All children will also come home with some paper and a pencil.</p>
Friday 10th March 2023 (MORNING)	<p>Online learning will be provided for all classes.</p> <p>Your child's teacher will be online from 9am to do the register and lessons will start at 9:10am.</p> <p>They will be teaching what has been planned for a normal Friday at school, or as close to this as possible.</p> <p>If for any reason your child is unable to connect or there are any issues with Teams, your child can use the other apps to practice their reading and times tables. 'Mr Potter's Hall of Fame' project is also due, so this is the perfect opportunity to do this if your child has not already! The deadline for this will be extended to Friday 17th March 2023.</p>
Friday 10th March 2023 (AFTERNOON)	<p>Children will have the afternoon off and an optional learning activity will be set by your child's class teacher.</p> <p>There will also be a Trust-wide Snow Sculpture Competition. If we get lots of snow as forecast, please get outside, have fun and build the best snow sculpture you can possibly build!</p> <p>Send pictures of your entry along with your name and school to admin@watertonacademytrust.org</p>
Monday 13th March 2023	<p>School will be open as normal on Monday.</p>

Thank you in advance for your understanding with the plans above.

Please note again that at the time of writing, school is currently OPEN on Friday 10th March 2023 however I am strongly recommending alternative plans are made in the likely event of the severe weather forecast and school closing.

Mr Adam Potter
Head of School