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Dear Parents

### **Severe Weather**

I sincerely hope that we will be able to return to normal following the recent disruption and our regrettable need to close in the interests of the health and safety of children and staff. I hope that Key stage 4 students have used the opportunity to ensure that they are completely up to date with coursework. Our severe weather procedure worked well and enabled us to communicate information efficiently. Please note that the BBC Wales website has provided the most reliable source of current information regarding school closures.

Most of you are now signed up to ParentMail which enables us to send messages quickly and efficiently. If you have not registered for this free email service. And have an email address you can either register yourself via [www.parentmail.co.uk](http://www.parentmail.co.uk)<<http://www.parentmail.co.uk>> and the school postcode CF64 2XP or email your request to [contact@stcyres.valeofglamorgan.sch.uk](mailto:contact@stcyres.valeofglamorgan.sch.uk)<<mailto:contact@stcyres.valeofglamorgan.sch.uk>> .

### **External Examinations**

A number of external examinations are still due to take place during the next few weeks. Whatever the weather it should be assumed that these will go ahead and candidates should make every effort to be in school at the appointed time as external examinations cannot be rescheduled.

### **Rebuild of St Cyres**

The project team is making excellent progress and plans for the new build are progressing at a very fast pace. The design team will be giving a presentation about the project at the Governors' meeting for parents which has been rescheduled to Wednesday 27 January at 7.00 p.m. in the Old Hall on the Penarth site. I strongly recommend this presentation which will be an opportunity to see how the impressive new facilities are taking shape and have a chance to hear answers to any questions.

### **The Annual Report to Parents**

This report has been distributed via pupil post or can be downloaded from the website. There will be opportunities to discuss this or ask questions at the meeting.

### **Website**

A new and greatly improved school website has been launched at [www.stcyres.valeofglamorgan.sch.uk](http://www.stcyres.valeofglamorgan.sch.uk)<<http://www.stcyres.valeofglamorgan.sch.uk>>.

One of the features will be regular updates on latest news. I commend this to you.

In view of the days lost there is no time for students to lose this term especially if examination deadlines are looming. As always staff will be organising revision lessons and all students should be doing homework every night. If this does not appear to be the case please telephone the year office.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the various parents' meetings that are scheduled for this term.

Yours sincerely

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