



1st March 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: J Rock, March 2nd 2018

We have been studying the weather forecast with great interest this week as inclement weather has been threatening to hamper our travel to and from Portsmouth on Friday.

As you may be aware there is now a severe weather warning in place which has resulted in Hampshire Constabulary urging not to travel across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight unless absolutely necessary, and the closure of our school this afternoon.

We have also been notified that J Rock have cancelled their event which was scheduled for today as a result of travel conditions and weather forecast for this evening.

We are currently unsure whether J Rock will be able to reschedule the competitive element of our heat as their guidance today suggests that the show may still go on tomorrow despite the weather warnings. We have been extremely persistent in relaying our concerns from a safeguarding point of view and they have agreed that in the event of severe weather and risk assessments indicate that it is unsafe to travel they will facilitate an opportunity for our team to perform a 'showcase' at one of the Southern Junior Finals next term. They have also agreed that any tickets already purchased for the event tomorrow will be transferred to this new date once confirmed.

Senior staff across the Federation and the Chair of Governors have therefore taken the very tough decision not to travel tomorrow. Whilst this is disappointing I hope you can appreciate that the safety of our children, staff and you as a community has to come first.

Thank you so much for your understanding and co-operation and I promise to keep you informed as soon as new arrangements are in place.

Many thanks

Miss K Howarth

Executive Headteacher