



# Wellfield Middle School

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## Dear Parent/Carer,

Firstly may I apologise for any inconvenience caused this week due to the bad weather. On Wednesday and Thursday the conditions on site and in the vicinity of the school were not safe for pupils or staff. The situation is improving very slowly but we did feel that it was important to re-open as soon as possible.

Access for pupils should not now be a problem and we are hopeful that staff will be able to get to school as well so that we can operate normally. There may be some changes to lessons and the curriculum in the event of some staff being delayed or unable to get to school but having assessed all factors involved and having consulted with the local authority and our main feeder school South Wellfield First, I felt that it was appropriate to open again today, Friday.

In the event of further severe weather we will give out information via our own website which will be updated regularly and via the LA's website (unfortunately our decision to close on Thursday was too late for inclusion by the LA on their website)

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## Frequency of newsletters

As previously announced a newsletter will be sent out on the first Friday after a holiday break and then every other Friday. This newsletter, therefore, is appearing on time and the next one will be issued on Friday 22 January.



## New Staff

We welcome Miss Berry to Wellfield this term. Miss Berry will be working 3 days per week in the modern languages department and we hope she soon feels at home and enjoys working with us.

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### Healthy Schools Award

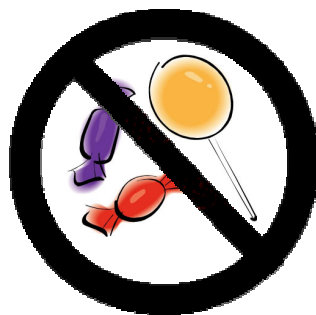
We learnt at the end of last term that we have successfully completed all the required paperwork and related tasks in order to qualify for this award. We have been working hard on this for some time and the LA is confident that we will receive official confirmation of this award soon.

### End of term events

I would like to thank everyone involved in making the last week of term very enjoyable and successful. Well done in particular to all those who were involved in any way in our pantomime production, Jack and the Beanstalk. This was a super event and well enjoyed by all.

### Confectionery items in school

You may recall that as part of being a healthy school confectionery items should not be allowed unless part of a packed lunch. Over a year ago the governors agreed to a no confectionery in school policy and it is necessary to refresh this message at this point in time. Numerous pupils come on site with crisps, pop, sweets etc. We are reminding pupils that these items are not allowed and from now on will be confiscated from pupils if found. I would be grateful if you would reinforce this message as well.



### Local top shops

Please do ask your child whether they spend time around these shops after or before school and that you are happy with what they are doing there. It seems that a number of pupils spend money on very unhealthy food items at the shops. In addition occasionally there has been trouble caused in the vicinity of the shops. If we are satisfied that pupils are misbehaving on their way to or from school firm action will be taken and this will include exclusion from school if deemed necessary.



### High Expectations

I am anxious that at the start of a new year we re-emphasise our high expectations with all pupils. To this end we have been reminding our pupils of the need to use their lockers at all times. If they choose not to do so they must be prepared to keep their possessions with them and not leave them lying around – this is why lots of things go missing. We really do want pupils to take more responsibility for their possessions. Items that are left around the school eg on window ledges will be removed. We also expect pupils to have the right equipment for lessons. A stationery shop is to be introduced where pupils can buy pens/pencils etc. We will be checking that all pupils have proper equipment and planners this term and on a regular basis.

These are not new rules but ones that pupils have simply forgotten about. We will also be revisiting rules to do with uniform very soon. Pupils will, I think, sense a very firm and strict approach to things as this term and year unfold.

**S.W. Collinson, Headteacher**