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Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Information regarding severe weather closures

With the potential of snow over the coming weeks, we would like to remind you all about our procedures should school need to close. Please note that this is a very difficult decision to make, involving consideration of the safety of the children, yourselves and staff travelling to and from work. Closing the school is always a last resort and the decision is never taken lightly. We will always try our best to stay open. If a decision to close is needed, we will always try to make this decision as soon as practical to ensure you have as much time as possible to make alternative arrangements.

In the event of severe weather, especially significant falls of snow, there are multiple sources of information for parents to find out about whether the school will be closed:

- **Text** messages and **emails** will be sent to all parents informing them of a school closure. It is vital that the school has your current mobile telephone number and email address for this service.
- Particularly with snow closures, parents can listen to the local radio stations, **BBC Hereford and Worcester** (104.0 FM) and Free Radio (102.0 FM), who announce all the schools that have closed. Please note that it can take some time for information to be released by these radio stations due to a 'swamping' of information received from schools.
- School closures are also published on the **County Council website**:
<https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/council-services/childrens-services/schools-education-and-learning/school-closures>
- The **school website** will be updated in the event of a school closure due to bad weather. The information will be displayed in the scrolling message at the top of the homepage. Please note that this would happen in the working hours of our IT support service.

In the event of severe weather *during the school day*, we will endeavour to remain open. However, please ensure that you check your emails and mobile phones, as due to health and safety we might have to close at short notice.

In the event of a closure the children have access to their online learning platforms for optional learning games on day one (I am sure most would rather play in the snow etc.). If the closure becomes extended then we will set some Maths and English work and make use of our online learning resources like Purple Mash (if you do not have your child's password please speak to their teacher).

ALWAYS ASSUME THE SCHOOL IS OPEN UNLESS YOU ARE INFORMED BY THE METHODS ABOVE.

Yours sincerely,

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