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Dear parents and carers

Severe weather procedures

In the event of snow/ice, we will always do our best to keep school open and operating as normal.

The health and safety of children, their families and our staff will always be our priority. I wanted to explain what the considerations are when we have snow/icy conditions and why school sometimes has to be closed.

1. Conditions are considered to be, or are anticipated to later become, too hazardous for travel.
2. Staffing levels are insufficient to keep the school running safely. The majority of our staff live some distance from school and may not be able to get to school safely.
3. Conditions on site are dangerous. This includes:
 - Risks of trips/falls (children, staff and parents/carers)
 - Ability to clear playgrounds, entry and exits paths, and to keep them clear throughout the day
 - Keeping the children warm all day due to increased ventilation
 - Water & heating
 - Sufficient kitchen staff able to come to school and provide meals
 - Ability to respond to an emergency situation, such as a fire evacuation.

If we have to close the school because of severe weather, we will follow the procedure below:

- The decision to close the school will be made by 7.30am and all families will be notified via our Teacher2Parents text service
- We will also put a message on our school website homepage
- We will notify the local authority who will publish school closures on the Shropshire Council website and notify BBC Radio Shropshire.

Yours sincerely



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