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Dear Parent/Carer

The Met Office have issued a yellow weather warning for heavy snow across our region from 9pm this evening until 4am and further snow to fall on Tuesday morning. Whilst there seems some uncertainty surrounding the exact forecast at present, I would like to remind you of our school procedures should snow cause disruption to the safe opening or running of our school.

We would ask you put contingency plans in place just in case there is a need to close the school. Please ensure your child is aware of these plans.

In the event of a closure before school starts –

- A text message will be sent to all parents informing them that the school is closed. We will aim to send this by 8am at the very latest.
- In the event of a closure **longer than a day**, work will be set on Edulink. This provision will be reviewed and adapted accordingly.
- Work set will involve consolidation / revision of prior topics. The work will not be marked by staff and pupils will not be disadvantaged should they fail complete the work. Given 'snow days' do not come along very often, we recognise pupils may want to play in the snow if school is closed for one day. This is fine by us.

In the event of snow during the school day –

- We will monitor the situation carefully and provide parents with updates accordingly via text or email.
- In the event of heavy snow showers, we ask parents resist the urge to come and collect pupils immediately. If pupils are safe in school, it is sometimes better to wait for the snow to stop and for the roads to be cleared before attempting to travel.
- Should a situation arise where we need to close the school during the school day, we will send a text message to parents and allow pupils to have their phones should you need to contact them.
- **We ask you complete the form below to inform us of arrangements for your child(ren) in the event of an early closure.** Please complete one separate forms for each child you have in school
- Where possible, please avoid phoning the office at such times as colleagues will be busy helping with arrangements in school.

Arrangements for early closure of school form – please click to complete

Where school remains open on snowy days, we ask you remind your child about travelling safely to and from school. Please remind your child that vehicle stopping distances increase significantly on snowy roads and snow balls must not be thrown on the way to or from school. We also ask that pupils come dressed for the weather. Wherever it is safe to do so, we will aim to allow the children to play outside during social times.

Thank you as always for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,



Mr C Taylor

Executive Headteacher

