Adverse Weather Warning
February 17th, 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have updated our adverse weather risk assessment to reflect the severe weather warning released by the Met Office today and in liaison with our Hamwic Trust Health and Safety team.

Our priority as always is pupil and staff safety, whilst trying to remain open for face to face education. However, please note the following actions that the school are taking and how parents and carers can support the school in case we face any difficulties. All of this planning is precautionary, hopefully we will be able to continue business as usual.

School:

- Updated risk assessment shared with all teams - key areas addressed:
  - Early identification of site risks and limitations including electricity and damages
  - Additional sand bags to secure doors/ gates
  - Additional staffing outside start and end of the day
  - Pupils to remain in doors
  - Alternative options in case hot school meals are undeliverable or no electricity
- Remote learning offer updated where needed.
- Children reminded how to access remote learning.
- Children will be reminded about safety measures when coming to and from school in windy weather.
- Risk assessment shared with Hamwic H&S team.

Parent & Carers:

- Please take care on your journey to school, we will anticipate that some families located further away may come across obstacles that delay their journey.
- Contact the school via phone or email, if your child is unable to get to school, and support your child to access the remote learning offer on our website/ year group pages.
- Talk to your children about additional safety if they are an independent walker - with regards to wind/ pavements/ roads.
- If you are entitled to a free school meal, please could we ask that children bring a pack lunch and drink in case we are unable to provide hot food due to restricted deliveries or no electricity.
- If you are unable to provide a packed lunch **- please could you contact the school via phone today**, so that we can purchase enough provisions this evening, without generating too much waste.
- Limit the belongings your child brings into school (reading bags not required or big back packs) - these serve as 'wind sails' with small children.
- If we have to make the difficult decision to close, the information will be on the website and come to you via MCAS
- If we have no electricity, a decision will be made if the school is to open - look at our website/ MCAS for information, but if we remain open ensure your child has a coat to keep them warm in the classroom.

Thank you for taking time to read and follow this advice, the most important message is that everyone is safe.

Kind regards,
Susannah Hill Headteacher of the Federation