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## Severe Weather Conditions Policy

During the winter months severe weather conditions may make it impossible for pupils and staff to come to school. These conditions are rare and are unlikely to occur every year but when they do happen, we would like parents to be aware of the following procedures. Please avoid telephoning the school directly so that lines can be kept free for everyday incoming and outgoing calls.

At the first sign of a heavy snowfall, making the journey to or from school can be very dangerous for both staff and children, the school will send a text message to all parents who have supplied current telephone numbers, as well as posting a message on Class Dojo. The school will also notify Durham County Council, who will list school closures on their website.

If the bad weather continues, every effort will be made to keep the school running to a normal working routine but we will continue to update you regularly, giving parents enough notice as is possible.

If a decision is made to close the school early, children will be kept safe until parents are able to collect them. Parents should contact school to advise if someone other than themselves will be collecting. Year 6 will not be allowed to walk home without permission from a parent/carer.

In the most extreme conditions, parents can be assured that their children will remain in warm, safe and dry conditions until the situation improves.

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