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ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS

During the winter months there are occasions when we can experience adverse weather conditions. It is always very difficult when we have snow and ice to determine how this will affect travel etc. In an attempt to try and clarify procedures, I would ask that you read the following and be mindful that we will always attempt to keep the school open in such conditions, but that many of the staff live a long way from the school and that under no circumstances am I allowed to direct a member of staff to drive in conditions that they consider to be dangerous.

If at all possible the school will remain open and staff will be here as normal. However, due to road conditions some staff may be later arriving and the start of the school could be affected.

We would ask you to listen to the local radio stations, up until the point that you would normally leave for school. Information will be broadcast on the following radio stations regarding school closures.

- BBC Radio Berkshire
- Heart

A message will also be displayed on the school website as well as parents receiving a text message from the school. We will aim to make a decision about school closures by 8.00am. Parents are asked to check the website for updates during the day, particularly if further snow is forecast.

DO NOT TELEPHONE THE SCHOOL OFFICE AND LEAVE MESSAGES – IF THE SCHOOL IS CLOSED OR STAFF UNABLE TO GET INTO WORK NO ONE WILL HEAR OR LISTEN TO THE MESSAGES. ANY URGENT INFORMATION WILL BE POSTED ON THE HOME PAGE OF THE SCHOOL WEBSITE, EMAILS AND TEXT MESSAGES SENT AS AND WHEN NECESSARY.

At the start of the school day

- The Head Teacher, following advice obtained locally from staff members and the local authority, will make a decision based on conditions at school and the surrounding roads and footpaths as to whether it is safe to open the school.
- To enable the school to open it may be necessary to delay the start time and again these details would be given to parents via the above methods.
- Parents are asked to note that it may not be possible for staff to answer the telephone and we would ask that you do not phone the school. Listening to the local radio or checking text messages and the school website are the preferred methods of checking whether the school is closed.

During the school day

- If the weather becomes severe during the day then parents may contact the school if they feel that they would like to collect their child early for safety reasons (i.e. travelling/walking long distances or collecting other children from local schools).
- The school will remain open until the normal school closure time; however, if parents are delayed due to adverse weather conditions, they should contact the school as soon as possible to give an anticipated arrival time.
- Children will be supervised until a parent/carer is able to collect them.
- Parents must consider their own safety, traffic congestion and the safety of others in these circumstances.

I do hope that this clarifies the policy for inclement weather at Brimpton and I would ask that you keep this letter for future reference throughout the winter months.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Heidi Davies
Head Teacher