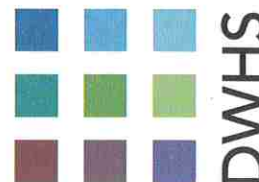


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Dear Parent/Carer,

With the recent severe weather alerts we thought we should take the precaution of reminding you of our procedures in the event of snow. In recent years, the school has remained open throughout winter and it is our aim to do so again. However, please note that due to our large site this is not always possible. In the event of snow/ice, we will grit the school and our facilities team will help clear the site.

The school's first priority is to be always open for students. In the event of snow, please assume that we are open but check on the school website and the school twitter account for up-to-date information. We shall also contact parents/carers via the school app.

We will only close, as a last resort, for two reasons:

- To ensure the safety and welfare of our students and the whole school community in the event of extreme weather conditions, fire, flooding, the spread of illness (as advised by the government), heating failure or an inability to provide food and water.
- Whether we have sufficient staff to properly supervise students.

The decision to close will only be made by the Headteacher, or her representatives, and the Chair of Governors and his representatives. Where possible, we consult other groups, such as Transport for London, the police and our Health and Safety officer.

Please note that our switchboard is often overloaded with calls on these days and we may be unable to respond. We will send a text message to parents as soon as possible – please ensure that we have an up-to-date contact number.

In the event of snow, please ensure that students are dressed appropriately for school with warm coats, hats, gloves and scarves. In particular, our normal rules on school shoes will be relaxed. Please ensure that your sons/daughters wear the shoes or boots that you think are the most suitable for them in the circumstances. They need to be waterproof and have good grip in icy conditions.

Yours faithfully,

Ms R Walsh
Headteacher

