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Severe Weather Conditions

Dear Parents

As we enter the colder winter months, I would like remind you of the procedures for closing the school. It is hoped that this will only happen on rare occasions but if it does happen:

- 1. Safety of staff travelling to the school by car will be assessed. Currently we have a small number of teachers and LSAs who live within reasonable walking distance; not enough to teach 300 children even with a number of support staff on site.
- 2. Safety of parents bringing children will be assessed; we do not want to take the risk of any of our children being involved in accidents/injury.
- 3. The ability to provide adequate/purposeful learning activities for a large number of children with a small number of staff, and keeping within Health and Safety guidelines, will be assessed.

When all of the above have been considered, a decision will be made and a local radio station will be contacted between 7am and 7.45am in the morning. Parents should listen/look for announcements on the following stations:

- Radio Leicester 104.9 FM
- Radio GEM 106 FM

Parents should <u>not</u> telephone the radio station as this prevents other schools trying to get messages through and delays in information being broadcast. Parents should <u>not</u> telephone school as this also means we cannot get through to radio stations, as has been the case in the past.

Information will be posted on www.leics.gov.uk/school_closures

Parents will also be notified via WEDUC app as soon as possible.

We do hope that you will understand that the decision to close the school is not an easy one. I am sure we can count on your support for our decisions during severe weather conditions; the health and safety of children and staff will always be a priority for us.

Yours sincerely

Mr Dax Headteacher















