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Adverse Weather Procedures

I would like to remind you of our procedures in the event of adverse weather conditions being experienced in our catchment. Please note that we aim to open as usual every day, however should we experience overnight snow, or heavy snow during the day, our procedures will be as follows:

OVERNIGHT SNOW

This may cause problems for pupils, parents and staff trying to reach school and arrive safely. In a case such as this, where it is decided that the school will be closed, we will notify you of a closure through:

- Our school twitter account (@DronfieldJunior)
- Class Dojo (School story)
- Alerting you via the ParentPay text messaging/email service.
- Arranging for announcements to be made on Peak FM and on the DCC website under school closures.

HEAVY SNOW DURING THE DAY

This may mean that in the interest of the safety of parents having to make a journey to school to collect pupils, and for staff members who may need to make a significant journey home, we may need to close the school during the day. In this instance we will:

- Alert you to the school closing early via the ParentPay text message/email service as soon as the decision to close has been made.
- Keep children safely in school until parents have collected them; rest assured there will always be members of staff waiting with the pupils until they can all be collected.

In the event of us having to close the school, it would be helpful if you could make sure that we have your most up-to-date contact details, particularly any changes to your mobile phone number so that you are able to receive any text messages sent out. Please also ensure that your details are updated in the profile (phones and emails) section of your ParentPay account.

We would appreciate it if you did not ring school to enquire whether we are open or not – we will be open unless twitter, a text/email to parents or the radio, says not.

Whatever the circumstances, the decision to close the school is never taken lightly, and will always be made in the best interests of the health and safety of the pupils, parents and staff. I am also mindful of the difficulties families may face in terms of planning in advance and finding childcare etc. The decision to close is always a joint decision made with Dronfield Infant School and we will endeavour to make sure that any decisions are the right ones given the information available to us and they are communicated to you in good time. Please be assured the safety of the children will be our first priority.

Thank you for your continued support for the school and our children.

Mrs N J Thomson
Headteacher