



ST MARY'S CofE PRIMARY SCHOOL



"Be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love." (1 Corinthians 16 vs 13-14)

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the winter season, we want to ensure that everyone is well-informed about our procedures in the event of snow. Whilst we do not want to close school and will endeavour to keep the school open, some of our staff members live outside of Melton Mowbray, and severe weather conditions may prevent them from travelling safely to school. The health and safety of our children and staff is our top priority. Therefore, we have established the following guidelines to manage any disruptions caused by severe weather:

1. **School Closures:** If the school needs to close due to snow, we will notify parents as early as possible. Notifications will be sent via Arbor email, Facebook and posted on the school website. Please regularly check our methods of communication for closure.
2. **Delayed Openings:** In some cases, we may delay the opening of the school to allow time for roads and pathways to be cleared. Information about delayed openings will be communicated in the same manner as school closures. In the event of a delayed opening children will be required to bring a packed lunch to school as the kitchen may not be operating fully.
3. **Early Dismissals:** If weather conditions worsen during the school day, we may decide to dismiss children early. Parents will be notified through the same channels, and we ask that you collect your child promptly.
4. **Children's Safety:** Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the cold weather, including warm coats, hats, gloves, and boots. If your child walks to school, remind them to be cautious and watch for icy patches.
5. **Remote Learning:** In the event of a closure, we will implement remote learning activities through Class Dojo by 10.00am to ensure that children continue their education. Teachers will provide instructions and activities through our online platform.

We appreciate your cooperation and understanding as we navigate the winter weather. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

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Head Teacher

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