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Emergency School Closures

Dear Parents/Carers

With the winter months approaching I need to inform you about our procedure for closing the school in case of bad weather. The information goes directly onto the Staffordshire County Council website www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/schoolsandcolleges

In addition to using the above you are able to sign up to a free text and email alert as soon as we update the website with our school closure you will be notified. Simply click on the Emergency Closures under Schools - and sign in to receive alerts.

The local radio stations, BBC Radio Stoke or Signal Radio also check the website on a regular basis to find information on school closures which they then broadcast to their listeners.

We will endeavour to make a decision as early as possible. However, due to our very wide catchment area, the weather conditions where you live may be very different to those in Leek from where we will be making the decision. You will also receive a school txt message once a decision has been made. For those of you who have school transport can I remind you that the transport operators may also have very different conditions to cope with, and will be making their own assessments about whether it is safe for them to collect your child. Therefore, can I ask you all to ensure you have up-to-date contact information for your drivers and they have yours and to keep in contact with them if you are concerned about the road conditions in your locality - the safety of the children is paramount!

Where a decision is taken to close the school part way through the day, pupils cannot be sent home unless we are confident there is someone at home to receive them. So please ensure that we have all your up-to-date contact details and you are easily contactable. As many of our transport operators have several children on, we cannot let the vehicle leave the premises until we have contacted all parents.

If the school is closed there will be no members of staff on the premises, so keep your fingers crossed for a snow free winter!!

Kind regards

Diane
Headteacher