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Dear Parents,

Severe Weather Conditions

It is hoped that the school would only need to close due to severe weather on rare occasions, but if it does the following issues will be considered:

1. Safety of staff travelling to school by car will be assessed. Currently we only have a small number of teachers who live within reasonable walking distance; clearly this is not enough to teach 380 children, even with a number of support staff on site.
2. Safety of parents bringing children to school by car will also be assessed; we do not want to take the risk of any of our children being involved in accidents.
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.

This is in line with current LCC guidance. Once all of the above have been taken into account a decision will be made on the opening of the school.

Parents will be sent a text message as soon as possible; please make sure all current mobile numbers are in school.

The local radio stations will be contacted between 6.30am and 7.30am. Parents should listen for announcements or look on the radio websites for the following stations:

Radio Leicester 104.9 FM and Gem106 106.0 FM

www.bbc.co.uk/radioleicester

www.gem106.co.uk

Parents should not telephone the radio station as this prevents other schools trying to get messages through and delays information being broadcast. Parents should not telephone school as this also means we cannot get through to radio stations or staff are unable to contact school, as has been the case in the past.

We will also put messages on the school website if the school needs to close:

www.ashbywillesley.org.uk

We do hope that parents 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

Headteacher