



Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Severe Weather Conditions and Emergency Closures**

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 over 400 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 local authority guidance. Once all of the above have been taken into account a decision will be made on the opening of the school.

We will aim to inform parents **by a message through the Weduc App before 6.45am**; please make sure that you check the app regularly for messages and update the app as required.

**We will also put a message banner on the school website and a post on Twitter.**

[www.ashbywillesley.org.uk](http://www.ashbywillesley.org.uk)

[@Willesleyschool](https://twitter.com/Willesleyschool)

Parents should **not** telephone school as this means we cannot make necessary calls or staff are unable to contact school, as has been the case in the past.

Work will be set for children via their Teams account.

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.