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Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: Adverse weather conditions

If you keep an eye on the weather, you will have heard the temperatures will be dropping in the coming days and weeks. In case this happens, we would like to remind all parents of what to do in the event of heavy snow fall.

You will appreciate that the decision to close a school is not an easy one. In making such a decision we consider whether or not it is safe for children, parents and staff to travel to school; whether the site is safe and the heating is on. We will also consider whether we can get enough staff into school to supervise the children.

We will endeavour to make a decision on whether to open or close the school as early as possible – and this decision will be made in consultation with Shirley Junior School. We use various means of communication which are detailed below:

- Check the announcement message on the home page of our school website:
www.shirleyinfantschool.org.uk
- Ensure we have your up-to-date mobile number as we will send texts to confirm whether the Infant School is open
- Ensure we have your up-to-date email address as we will send emails to all parents that usually receive emails
- Check the school's Year Group Facebook pages (you must already be part of this group)
- Check the Southampton web site at:
www.southampton.gov.uk/learning/schools/schoolclosures/
- Please note: If the school is open please ensure you send your child with a packed lunch – as we cannot guarantee we will be able to provide a hot school dinner
- Please also ensure your child has suitable outdoor clothing and footwear

When the weather is hazardous and the school is open, we would hope that you will make every effort to bring your child to school. However, it is for you as a parent to decide whether you feel it is safe for your child to make the journey to school. Once we have children in the building we can keep them safe. However we cannot make an assessment of each road and footpath in our community.

Thank you for your patience and support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Cate Gregory
Head of School

