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Dear Parents

As we enter the winter period, I write to remind you of the school procedures in the event of a heavy snowfall/adverse weather.

With regard to school closure a decision will only be made to close the school as a last resort and if any of the following apply: -

- a) Concerns about safety and the accessibility of the site and surrounding area.
- b) Unavailability of heat, light, power and water.
- c) Unavailability of staff.
- d) Unavailability of meals.
- e) Concerns for pupils and staff travelling safely to and from school.

We will always endeavour to let you know as soon as possible.

The snow closure procedure remains the same and is detailed below:

Consultation and a decision will be made first thing in the morning and the school website will state if the school is closed from 7.15 am.

Parents will also be informed through Warwickshire County Council's text notification service. Can we recommend that you register now, whether you live in Warwickshire, Worcestershire or Gloucestershire by logging on to <http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures> (link on our website – Parent and Pupils – School Closures)

Using your mobile phone you simply text the message:

**Schlosures 9374730 on
to 07950081082**

Within 12 hours you will receive confirmation that you are registered and ready for all future alerts.

BBC Radio will be informed by 7.15 am if the school has been closed alongside its usual bulletin.

An updated message will be placed on the school website on the evening of the closure to provide further information regarding the following day.

The assumption should be that the school will be open unless the school website or WCC text notification service states otherwise.



In the event of a severe deterioration of the weather during the day when school is in session, a decision may be taken to close the school early in order that students and staff may get home safely. If this occurs, students will only be sent home after checking that someone is at home to receive them or able to collect pupils, pending bus services. A skeleton staff will remain on-site to supervise any students that need to stay until the end of the school day.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'N. Gibson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr Nick Gibson
Headteacher