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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you may well be aware, several schools across Peterborough have closed over the last couple of days and we have remained open.

The decision on whether to open or close the school in these circumstances are based on taking various things into consideration such as:

- Do we have enough staff to look after the children in accordance with legal frameworks?
- Do we have staff on site that have the appropriate First Aid qualifications?
- Do we have heating and water?
- Do we have the staff and facilities to provide lunch for the children?
- Is the main road in operation and is public transport in operation?
- Is there access from the school gate to entrance doors?

If we can answer yes to the above then I believe it is my duty to keep the school open. We risk assess factors throughout the day such as whether the playground is a safe environment for the children and make decisions accordingly. For example, today, the children have not been out on the playgrounds at break and lunchtime but children who had wellies and wanted to, have been allowed to play on the field where the snow is not frozen or icy.

Tomorrow morning, I will once again assess the situation and make a decision about whether the school will be open or closed. I am aware that snow is currently forecast for tomorrow afternoon and, should this materialise, you can come and collect your child earlier if you are concerned about travelling in the weather. Please make sure your child comes to school with a warm coat, hat, scarf and gloves. If you want to send in a suitable change of shoes, ideally wellies, then it may be that your child will have the opportunity to play in the snow on our school field.

As a head teacher, school closure decisions are some of the most challenging to make as everyone has their own opinion about the matter and I can assure you that the decision is never made lightly. It is ultimately your decision as a parent whether you are able to make the journey to school and in the current conditions we would respect your decision either way.

Many thanks for your understanding and continued support.

Yours sincerely

K. Trethewy

Mrs K Trethewy
Head Teacher

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