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Dear Parents/Carers,

ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS

I wanted to share with you our policy in the event of severe winter weather and the possible disruption to pupils' learning. Please understand that we do not take any decision to close the school lightly and appreciate that families plan work and other commitments around the school day. We also hope that employers understand should you be forced to take time off work and hope that families will be able to arrange suitable child care. To set this in context, a closure of more than a day or two in any academic year is rare and no days were lost last winter.

Our policy is to take a proportionate approach; balancing the risks arising from adverse weather against disruption to pupils' learning. We close when our judgement is that pupils or staff would face significant risk of injury in school or travelling to school. Dangerous underfoot conditions around the school, despite our best efforts to clear the snow and ice also compound the safety issues. We will clear snow and/or ice but sometimes extreme overnight conditions mean that some areas remain untreated and others become slippery once again.

We will try to ensure that information from the school is timely and detailed enough to help with your arrangements. We will contact you via Facebook, text messaging, e-mail, (please ensure the school office have up to date mobile telephone numbers/e-mail addresses) and Radio Cambridgeshire. School closures are also listed on the Cambridgeshire County Council website - <http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk>

Factors to consider

- If adverse weather conditions progress through the school day, we may consider an **earlier end** to the school day.
- Failure of our **heating system** in severe weather.
- **School meal provision**, should our cook/kitchen staff not make it into school, parents would need to provide children with a packed lunch.

I hope this letter is helpful; please consider any contingency arrangements - refer to our website www.kimboltonprimaryacademy.cambs.sch.uk and monitor your mobile phones for updates should the forecast be for adverse weather this winter.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Suzi Whiting
Head of School

