



THE PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS & THE CLOSURE OF SCHOOL FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

As we approach that time of year again. I thought I would take the opportunity to update you on the following.

Please keep the following information to hand. There is a copy of this letter and the '**Snow and Bad Weather Protocol**' on the school website on the '**Letters Home Page** under, 'Closure of School in Bad Weather'.

In the event of severe weather:-

1. Look at the school's website (www.theparkschool.org.uk). If the school is closed there will be a message on the front page of the website.
2. An email will be sent to all families that have provided an email address.
3. The school will post on our official Facebook and Twitter page.
4. Please do not immediately phone the school as the phone lines rapidly become overwhelmed and no one can communicate.

A number of our teachers and support staff live within walking distance of the school, so we will always try, wherever possible, to remain open. I strongly believe snowfalls do not mean that a school should automatically close. On the contrary a school has a duty to open if it has the means to do so. Individual families should assess the risk posed by their journey to school and make their own decision. Many families who live close to the school will have a different level of risk to those who have much more complex travel arrangements.

Let's hope that we have a trouble free winter.

Yours sincerely

Mr G Roscoe
Headteacher