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### Weather Watch

Dear Parents and Carers

We are so pleased that everyone made it safely into school this morning and thank you for your patience and support in only using the main entrance. This meant that we could focus all our efforts on making one entrance and our carpark as safe as possible for everyone.

As I am sure you are already aware, the forecast for Thursday and Friday is for continued very cold temperatures and snow, although it is hard to really know what to expect as different weather forecasters are predicting different things.

In the event of weather conditions changing and becoming challenging, we thought we would share/remind you of our winter weather procedures at school.

#### **School Closure due to Overnight Snow**

If the school has to be closed due to heavy overnight snowfall, we will notify families and parents via ParentHub. A message will also be posted on the home page of our school website.

<https://www.holmesdale.derbyshire.sch.uk/index.php>

Please check the above mentioned communication channels as there may not be any staff in school to speak with via the telephone. If school needs to remain closed for subsequent days, updates will continue to be posted on ParentHub and the school website.

#### **Heavy Snowfall During the School Day**

If it begins to snow heavily during the school day, you may wish to collect your child/children early. There is no need to seek permission from school for this to happen. Please use your own judgement in carrying out journeys when it feels safe for you to do so. School may also make the decision to close early due to worsening conditions and ask you to make your way to school safely to collect your child/children. If you are arranging for another parent or family member to take your child home please let school know. As always we will only let children go home with other adults (different to those who normally collect) when authorised by parents.

Please understand that all decisions made regarding school closure are always difficult but made with a great deal of thought and concern in order to keep children, families and staff safe.

Thank you for your understanding.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Lockwood  
Headteacher



