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Dear Parents and Carers,

It looks like there may be some snow tonight but it isn't clear whether it will settle, or be heavy enough to cause any disruption.

However, it has prompted me to write to let you know about our procedures during adverse weather.

It is our aim to have school and Wild Wood Club open whenever possible, but there is the chance that school will be disrupted at some time over the winter months. Sometimes it is safest to close completely, sometime we can open the school later to give staff time to get here, sometimes we can open some, but not all classes.

There is always uncertainty around how much disruption snow/ice will cause and the decision is never taken lightly. Decisions are based on a number of factors, including the safety of the school site and the number of staff who have to travel to get to school. We have many staff who find it hard to get into school in snowy or icy conditions, as they have to travel quite some distance, or from villages surrounding Thatcham (which are on higher ground).

Decisions are always made as early as possible in order to give families as much time as possible to make arrangements. If there is disruption we aim to let you know by 7.30am. Information is sent out through a Ping, it will be on the front page of the school website and on the West Berkshire Council school closure pages. In the event of school closure teachers set work for pupils which you would see listed on the school website.

Please can I also take this opportunity to remind you than in these winter months children need to be warmly dressed for lunch and break times, PE lessons and Outdoor Learning.

Kind regards

K Flowerdew

Kate Flowerdew
Headteacher

