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Dear Parents and Carers,

With winter now well and truly upon us, we would like to take this opportunity to remind you of our arrangements should we experience snow or other adverse weather conditions.

Please be reassured that the decision to close school is never taken lightly. Any decision will always be based on the safety of our pupils and staff, the condition of the school site, and local travel and road conditions. **Unless you hear directly from us, parents should assume that school is open as normal.**

In the event of severe weather, we will aim to make any decisions about school closure as early as possible and will update parents through our usual channels of communication listed below:

- Our Westacre Middle School website at [Home | Westacre Middle School](#)
- Our social media pages at [\(5\) Facebook](#) and [Westacre Middle School \(@westacremiddle\)](#) • [Instagram photos and videos](#)
- Our Arbor app and text messaging service
- The Worcestershire County Council website for school closures at [School closures | Worcestershire County Council](#)

Local radio stations also share school closure information although there can occasionally be delays in announcements.

Should weather conditions worsen during the school day, we will again do everything we can to remain open. However, if an early closure becomes necessary, we will contact parents using the channels of communication listed above.

During periods of severe weather, there may be occasions when transport providers advise that school buses need to leave earlier than normal to ensure children can return home safely. This is particularly relevant for routes serving rural areas, where snow or flooding can make travel conditions more challenging. In these situations, we work closely with neighbouring schools to coordinate transport arrangements and respond quickly. If an early departure is required, parents and carers will be informed via text message and again via a message through Arbor. Please ensure school is aware of your child's transport arrangements and that the relevant permissions for early closure have been completed.

Thank you in advance for your continued support and understanding. I am sure that by working and communicating together we can help keep everyone in our school community safe.

Yours Sincerely,

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