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Dear parents/carers

Happy New Year, hope you have had a lovely Christmas. During adverse weather such as the current snow/ice, we will do our best to ensure school remains open as usual, however, this is dependent on our staffing levels as many live away from Rishton, which could affect their travel to school. We always advise parents and staff to make the decision about only travelling if conditions are safe enough, however, for those families who live in Rishton, and can walk to school, it is usually much easier to get in as usual.

- ❖ A text message will be sent out to inform you if school is closed as early as possible (usually by 7.15am) - **please do not ring school to check**
- ❖ If school is open, but with reduced staffing in place, it is likely that we will need to adjust how we cover classes. This will be done in different ways depending on who is available. Some children may be kept in the hall as a group and a film or other activities available for them, or staff will provide childcare cover in class. We usually find some staff can get in eventually as roads clear and we can then get back on track with the teaching day.
- ❖ If you cannot get into school, or are going to be late, please **text** (instead of ringing) so that we are aware of this and know children are safe.
- ❖ If cars are needed, it is advisable to park somewhere that will be easy to get out of or consider using a bus service if available as these will only be running on safe, cleared routes.
- ❖ Mrs Baker, our site supervisor, will clear a route into school as much as she can, however this may mean that you need to use alternative doors if it is not possible to clear all the way around school. Reception and Year 1 – use the door into the shared infant area, Year 2 – usual door (or shared infant area if required) and KS2 – usual entrance/exit
**If conditions are very poor and conditions are unsafe, we may need to use the front entrance and will let you know via text.*
- ❖ Where possible, we will let the children play out in snowy conditions as they love to go on the field and make snowmen, throw snowballs etc. To be able to go out, children will need to be dressed appropriately with warm coats, hats and gloves.
PLEASE ENSURE CHILDREN HAVE CHANGE OF FOOTWEAR SUCH AS WELLINGTONS/BOOTS AND BRING THEIR SCHOOL SHOES TO CHANGE INTO – if they have waterproof pants, these would also be useful. **Please do not bring scooters in icy conditions and keep to the cleared paths on the playground** ensuring children are supervised closely.

Many thanks and please take care travelling if weather conditions are poor.

Mrs Sara Clarkson (Headteacher)