

February 2018

Dear Families,

The weather forecast for tomorrow is snow showers from early morning. **As a school we intend to remain open in the event of poor weather.** Any change to this would be reported on the 'Important Notices' on the school website www.blackwellfirstschool.com If schools are required to close as a result of weather conditions, they notify Worcestershire County Council and the Council website would also report closures http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20062/schools/874/school_closures

The forecast for overnight on Thursday is heavy snow, potentially bringing travel disruption on Friday morning. This may lead to a disruption to the normal running of the school if staff members are unable to travel and we have a reduced staff on site.

As in December when we had heavy snow overnight, if road/traffic conditions are poor in the morning, we will keep registers open until 9.30am to allow safe travel. Children would only be marked late after this time. We ask that you bring the children to school unless you judge road conditions to be dangerous. If staff can travel safely, then school will operate as normal.

If we do not have enough staff to teach, we will aim to offer an 'activity day' with the reduced staff in school. We would then ask those who are able to keep children at home to do so, and those who are required to work (essential services) to bring in children. It would be helpful to collect the children by 4.30pm in order for staff to travel home safely. **If we have to plan such a day for Friday, we will aim to notify you on the school website by 7.30am.**

If the children are in during days of heavy snow, please send children to school in uniform on their tops but in tights and trousers on their bottoms. Also send boots and thick socks as well as hats, gloves, scarves and some spare clothes. We would aim to take the children out to enjoy the experience and need them to be suitably dressed.

Best wishes,

Mrs A Moss
(Headteacher)



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