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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope you and your families had a wonderful Christmas break and enjoyed some well-deserved time together. We are delighted to welcome the children back to school and look forward to an exciting term ahead.

As we begin the new year, I would like to remind you of our procedures in the event of severe weather. It is always our intention to keep the school open wherever possible. However, there may be rare occasions when we need to close for safety reasons. These include:

- **Unsafe school site**: If snow or ice makes the grounds hazardous and we are unable to clear them in time.
- **Concerns for your travel safety:** If local roads are too icy or dangerous to drive on.
- **Staffing challenges**: Many of our staff travel from outside the local area, and severe conditions may prevent them from attending safely.
- **Facilities issues**: If essential services such as heating or water are not functioning properly.

How do we decide?
Any decision to close is made after careful consideration. I liaise with Mr. Summers, our Senior Leadership Team, and wider staff as early as possible. Mr. Summers is on the school site from 6:00 a.m. to assess conditions across the site and determine whether it is safe for pupils and staff. We will always aim to keep the school open, but safety must come first.

How will you know our decision?
If closure is necessary, we will contact parents as soon as possible via **School Ping** and post updates on our **Facebook page**. We will also notify **Shropshire Council**, who will update the official school closures page.

Learning during closure
If the school does need to close, teachers will share learning activities on the **class pages of our school website**. These will include tasks and resources to help children continue their learning at home. Please check the website regularly for updates.

We have much to look forward to this half term, some pupils will be out at Young Voices, Starships have their 'Come Dine with Me' and our Year 3&4 classes have a trip to Think Tank to enjoy. We will also see our year 5&6



children take part in the 'bikeability' scheme, always popular and useful for road safety. We hope to see as many of you as possible in school with our events – as always, we will share further details nearer the dates.

Thank you for your understanding and support in these matters. Let's work together to ensure a safe and successful term for all our pupils.

Warm regards,

Karen Tearle

Headteacher

