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Dear Parent/Carers

In the event of the forecast for adverse weather conditions, we would like to remind parents/carers of the school procedures.

Snow Procedure – January 2018

In the event of disruption caused by heavy snow, the prime concern of the school will always be the safety of the pupils and staff. The decision whether or not to send a pupil to school, however, must be at the discretion of the parents, taking into account factors such as local road conditions and the availability of childcare.

The school aims to remain open in the event of snow.

We feel this is important for those parents who are relying on us to care for their children in term time. In the event of heavy snowfall, we cannot guarantee a normal school day.

However, there are certain factors which may lead to the school closing, such as whether:

- there are enough members of staff to be able to provide satisfactory care;
- the severity of the weather conditions is on such a major scale that it is unlikely that many people will be able, physically, to make it into school;
- the school can provide lunch for the children;
- the school grounds are sufficiently safe for children, parents and staff;
- the school has sufficient heating;
- the school has lighting and hot water across the site;
- external agencies, e.g. police, local government, motoring organisations, etc. are advising against school travel in our region.

If, for the reasons outlined above, the safest or most expedient judgment is to close the school a **'Closure Day'** will be declared and we will post this on the school website and twitter feed as well as the Southwark website as soon as possible and normally by **8.00am** on the day as well as notifying you of this via text message by **7.45am**. *When checking the website regularly, remember to Ctrl + F5 to refresh for updates.*

WHERE THE SCHOOL REMAINS OPEN, THE SCHOOL DAY WILL END AT 2.30PM

If heavy snow arrives **during the school day** we may declare a **'Snow Day'** resulting in the school closing at 2.30pm. This will be communicated to you via the website, twitter feed and text message. If you wish to collect your child(ren) from school before this time, you are welcome to do so, but please ensure they are signed out.

The series of frequently asked questions on the following pages should answer any queries you may have. **Head Teacher** Anne-Marie Bahlol **Deputy Head** Claudette Green **School Business Manager** Chanel Coley