

Tuesday 6th January

Dear Parent/Carer,

School Open – Wednesday 7th January

What a start to the new term! Thank you for your understanding and support today.

Tomorrow, we will be open as normal and look forward to welcoming all children back to school. However, we have put a few things in place to ensure that everyone can be kept safe whilst there is still snow and ice on and around the site. Please see below:

- **Reaching classrooms at the start and end of the day**

We will only be opening the Spread Eagle and Early Years gates. The car park gate will remain closed. A path has been cleared from both gates to ensure that children can reach all classroom safely. We ask that you do not walk across the playground as this has not been treated and is likely to be icy. Staff will be on hand to help and direct you.

Children in Early Years – A path has been cleared from the Spread Eagle gate and the Early Years gate that takes you to where you usually drop off Reception children.

Children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 - A path has been cleared from both gates that leads to each of the KS2 classrooms.

If you enter school via the Spread Eagle gate, you will need to follow the path up towards the Early Years playground and then follow it left along the top of the playground to reach your child's classroom.

If you enter school via Brooklands Close, please use the Early Years gate and follow the path through the Early Years playground onto the main playground, and then follow the path right, along the top of the playground to reach your child's classroom.

Children in Years 1 and 2 – Children in Wagtails, Finches and Robins can be dropped off and collected from Robins and Finches classrooms.

If you enter school via the Spread Eagle gate, you will need to follow the path up through the Early Years playground, leave via the Early Years gate and walk along the front of the school to use the bottom wooden gate (near my office).

If you enter school via Brooklands Close, please come down to school as if you are going to the front office and use the wooden gate (near my office).

Children may not be outside at break / lunch. A decision about this will be made tomorrow once we have assessed the site. The main playground often stays icy as much of it is in the shade and we do not want to risk children slipping and getting hurt.

If you are walking to and from school, please take care on the paths as they are likely to be icy. We ask that where possible, our Year 5 and 6 children are accompanied to/from school as conditions may still be hazardous.

Finally, there is still an unsettled picture ahead and there may be widespread snow again at the end of the week. Please continue to check emails and/or the school website each morning/evening in case we have to put any changes in place. If we do need to close the school again (full or partial), we will contact you via these means. Any form of closure is made to ensure the safety of pupils, parents and staff, and would be as a last resort.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter and for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mrs Kidd

Headteacher