

King Edwin Primary School

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Dear King Edwin Primary School Community,

As everyone is probably aware, there has been significant media coverage regarding the potential of significant snowfall in the next 24 hours from 5pm this evening. We are following the coverage very closely.

At KEPS, we always try to remain calm and not get too caught up in the hype that seems to occur when this kind of weather is forecast. If we had a pound for every person that has mentioned 'the snow forecast' in the last week, we would be very wealthy. The fact of the matter is, the **Met Office, BBC Weather and several other independent sources are not actually showing clarity regarding snowfall in the Edwinstowe and surrounding areas.** Essentially, there are many predictions suggesting **snow, sleet or rain and this lack of clarity creates a great deal of uncertainty.**

As a school, our stance is very clear. There is a possibility of snowfall overnight. We expect the school to be open. We fully expect all staff and children to be in school albeit maybe a little late if traffic conditions are impacted.

We want all of our families to be sensible when travelling to school but we expect to be able to keep the school site ready for action. We are also aware the local councils are fully prepped, and work is well under way to keep all of the roads clear and safe too.

If our school was forced to close due to severe weather conditions, it would be based upon health and safety reasons and the inability to ensure children were safe on site. **We do not think this will be the case though.**

To add, looking back at November 2024, we had a wonderful day at KEPS, playing in the snow, it was filled with the magic of winter! The snowfall transformed our school grounds into a winter wonderland, and the children made the most of it with a variety of fun activities. The playground was alive with excitement as children engaged in friendly snowball throwing contests and the creativity of our students shone through as they crafted beautiful snow angels. Our Badgers class had an especially memorable morning at Forest School, embracing the snowy conditions too!

As we prepare for the possibility of another wintry day tomorrow, **we want to remind everyone that we do want the children to come in to school in the morning.** We would love to see them having fun with their friends in the snow (if it arrives). **Obviously, we urge parents to exercise extra caution during drop-off and collection. It is essential that children come to school dressed in warm, suitable clothing to ensure their safety and comfort – footwear and coats are essential... maybe even spare clothes too!**

Thank you once again for being such a wonderful and supportive community. Together, we make King Edwin Primary School a very special place for our children.

Take care and let's see what the weather brings tomorrow.

Andy Callaghan-Wetton
Headteacher

