



Kents Hill Junior School



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Dear Parents/Carers

Re. **SEVERE WEATHER**

Kents Hill Junior School will always make every effort to remain open in severe weather; however, we are obliged to take several factors into account.

Our main difficulty is ensuring that we have sufficient teaching staff at the school in order for a full timetable to be taught. Our teachers commute into Benfleet from all over Essex and we have to judge carefully whether they will be able to get to and from school safely.

We also have to consider the conditions on the roads around the school and on the school site itself when evaluating the feasibility of remaining open and assessing the risk to you and your children.

If the school is closed due to snow we will advise parents through the following means:

- A text message will be sent to all those parents and carers who are registered with SchoolComms advising of the situation;
- A message will be placed on our social media platforms;
- A message will be placed on our school website homepage information banner;
- Via the Local Authority who will list the school as closed on their website:

<http://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/Dates/Pages/Emergency-School-Closures.aspx>

In the event of snow, we have site staff who work tremendously hard to ensure that all entrances and paths are cleared and gritted where possible. We will always consult with other local schools before making a decision.

You can help by ensuring your children have appropriate footwear and that you exercise **extreme caution** when moving around the school site.

Yours sincerely,

Miss J Parkes
Head of Academy

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At Kents Hill Junior School we are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, and we expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Designated Safeguarding Lead – Miss Joanne Parkes

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