

# Oaklands Junior School

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Dear Parents / Guardians,

We hope you all enjoyed the snow on the field this morning, as we gave the children a little extra time to play in the sunshine, whilst the snow was still fresh and sparkly.

The forecast is for more snow over the next few days. Oaklands Junior School will seek to minimise the impact of bad weather on the normal operation of the school, where at all possible. This will depend upon many safety considerations for staff and pupils:

- Is the site safe for pupils and staff to attend?
- Are sufficient staff able to access the site in order to be able to operate safely? This will depend upon their distance from the school and whether a sufficient number of staff are able to walk or travel safely into school.
- Are all utilities and services able to operate (water, heating, electricity and kitchen)?

Please would you ensure that your child/children are suitably dressed for this cold spell to be able to keep warm and still play outside at break and lunchtime (which will also include World Book Day tomorrow when extra layers of clothes may be needed for outside). It was good to see so many children wearing wellies this morning, which they were also able to wear during play at break and lunchtime.

## **In the event of School Closure**

The school will complete an appropriate risk assessment and notify parents/guardians via a text message/email from the details held on our system, so please do ensure we have the correct, up-to-date contact details for you in our school office. There will also be a message on our website and we will issue updates, as and when necessary. Local radio stations: Radio Berkshire and Heart FM will also be notified. Similarly, in the event of an early closure we will aim to notify you in advance (as far as possible) if the weather deteriorates during the school day.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs H. West  
Headteacher

