8th December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Severe weather advice for Parents and Families.

Every winter brings the possibility of snow and ice. As we all know, extreme bad weather can cause prolonged and widespread disruption. Schools are often affected and it can be difficult to ensure that we keep the school safe and warm. As a fundamental principle every effort will be made to keep our school open. However, on rare occasions we may have to close due to unavoidable circumstances; primarily when it is no longer safe for staff or pupils to be onsite. We recognise that it is important that our school remains open so that parents are able to work and pupils can continue to learn. Iqra Primary will make every effort to prepare for severe weather, snow or ice this winter.

**How will we let you know if the school is closed?**

If we do experience severe weather, snow or ice resulting in hazardous conditions, we may have to take the decision to close the school. Once this decision has been made we will notify parents via ParentPay, text message and the school website. We will try to get a statement out to all parents on the website the day before the school needs to be closed or by 7.30am on the day of closure. We would ask all parents to regularly check their messages. The school will take many precautions to **avoid** closing this winter. As part of the winter risk assessment at school we will:

* Ensure that the roads and paths on the school premises are gritted the night before
* The temperatures of each classroom and the school are monitored daily.
* Avoid playtimes and lunchtimes outside if the wind chill hits below 0 degrees.

**What can you do to help?**

• Please visit <https://www.slough.gov.uk/crime-safety/severe-weather/3> daily for more information about gritting routes and travel issues around Slough so you can plan your journey.

• Please provide suitable warm clothing – with a warm coat, gloves, hats, scarves etc. or even a change of clothing for your child.

Yours sincerely,

Welfare Team,

Iqra Primary School