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Dear Parents and Carers

Snow! Snow and More Snow!

You may have seen that snow is forecast for the weekend and for the full week ahead! So, I thought I'd write to you in advance of any snow days — be it at home school or 'real' school!



Home Learning

We will continue to set home learning tasks that children can dip in and out of. However, part of learning is having experiences to write about, talk about and to inspire you. Feel free to go 'off curriculum' and try things like:

- Outdoor Science: melting / freezing
- Design Technology: build an igloo
- Art: Snow sculptures (eg a snowman)
- PE: sledging
- English: snow poems

This learning is just as valuable as the learning we set in line with the national curriculum so please share photos and any work on Seesaw, we'd love to see it!

<u>Critical Worker Children and Vulnerable Children Places in School</u>

We will always do our absolute best to open the school if we can and we are very lucky that some of us can walk to school. However, given the current restrictions, we are already working under significant pressures in school. We have no capacity to swap staff to different bubbles or to mix bubbles of children together.

Earlier this week, several staff managed to make the journey into school and then straight back home again as you all managed to keep your children at home with you. Thank you. It was also

dangerous for all staff, parents and children travelling to school. One of our team slipped on the ice this week when walking to school – luckily she wasn't hurt!

School may struggle to stay open next week if the snowfall is heavy and if it is not safe for staff and children to travel in. We are of course here for anyone who does need us for childcare purposes but we are asking you to let us know if there are any days that you would definitely need to keep your child's place so that we can plan ahead.



So my main message to you is, please try to enjoy the snow! It has been such a tough time for us all so for now, take time to go sledging, make a snowman, build an igloo, drink hot chocolate and take lots of photos of your children having fun!

Let's help the children to make some happy lockdown memories!

Take care, be happy and stay safe

Best wishes

Eleanore Pickard and all of us at HWPS