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Dear Parents/Carers,

Winter weather

In light of the weather forecast predicted for the next few days and also that the temperature has dropped significantly, I would like to remind you of the procedures in case of severe weather.

We will always make every effort to stay open in the face of adverse weather conditions, but should we find ourselves unable to do so, and you are unsure whether school will be open or not, there are many ways in which you can find out this information (as in previous years some websites have been difficult to access due to high demand).

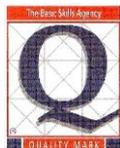
- Through our text message system (please make sure that we have your up-to-date mobile phone numbers in school).
- Via our Twitter feed **@BarkiSchool**
- Similar messages can be found on the school’s website home page:
www.barkislandcofeschool.org.uk
- Calderdale website: www.calderdale.gov.uk for information which will be posted as soon as a decision is made. The message from this posting will automatically trigger an email to the following Radio stations, all of which will announce closures:

BBC Radio Leeds	92.4, 95.3 FM and 774 AM
Pulse & Pennine’s Big AM	97.5 and 102.5 FM
Calderdale Community Radio (Phoenix FM)	96.7 FM

Please DO NOT phone school to find out what is happening as it is important that our phone lines are kept open.

Our priority is to keep the school open and staff will be making every effort to get here safely. This may mean that we could have a delayed start to the normal morning routines, but will endeavor to return to normal routines once we have enough staff. In the event that we are unable to sufficiently staff the school, we may have to close all or parts of the school. If this is the case, we would use our text message

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service in the first instance to notify parents. If the day starts off normally and there is a heavy snowfall during the day, the texting service will be used to inform parents if we have to have to close the school early.

If your child attends our Kids Club, again we will make every effort to keep it open, although this could result in a later opening time or earlier finish if the weather is particularly bad.

On a practical note, it would really help if you send your child into school with appropriate footwear and clothing and at least one spare pair of socks/tights when the weather is especially poor.

Let's hope that we can enjoy the winter weather (if it comes!) without it causing too much disruption to school life!

Yours sincerely

Becky Schofield
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