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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all enjoyed a happy, relaxing Christmas break and would like to warmly welcome everyone back to school. We wish you and your families a very happy New Year and look forward to an exciting and successful term ahead.

As we begin the new term, we would like to take a moment to share some information about our arrangements during the winter months. At this time of year, there may occasionally be adverse weather conditions. While we will always do everything we can to keep the school open, there may be rare occasions when severe weather presents challenges.

Our priority is always the safety and wellbeing of the children and staff. As a school, we must ensure appropriate staffing levels are in place, and as some staff travel from a distance, extreme weather can sometimes affect our ability to operate as normal. In these circumstances, we may need to make temporary adjustments, such as a delayed start, partial closure, or changes to provision.

Should any changes be necessary, we will keep you fully informed as quickly as possible via our school Facebook page and text messages. We always aim to give as much notice as we can and appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

In the meantime, we kindly ask families to ensure children are well prepared for winter weather. A warm, named coat is essential, and hats and gloves are recommended. On snowy days, boots and a spare pair of socks are also helpful so that children can enjoy outdoor play safely and comfortably.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We are very much looking forward to a positive, productive, and enjoyable term together.

Yours sincerely

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