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Dear parents/carers

The weather forecast going into next week is predicting snow fall. It is therefore possible that we may have snow or adverse weather conditions that mean we have to take the difficult decision to close the school to all keyworker and vulnerable children. I am sure you will acknowledge that it is a very difficult decision to make and is never taken lightly. In some circumstances closure is unavoidable, for example where there would not be enough staff on the school site to ensure pupils' safety or the school site cannot be cleared sufficiently to ensure everyone's safety on the premises. We also have to take into account the travelling conditions and risk assess whether pupils, parents and staff can travel to and from school safely. In the event that school is physically closed under these circumstances, work will still be available to pupils online, in the normal way.

Information regarding whether Old Catton Junior School is closed and a list of all schools which are closed can be found on the website www.schoolclosures.norfolk.gov.uk As well as publishing the information on the website, Norfolk County Council will also highlight closures on the local radio stations and on our Facebook and Twitter channels using #norfolkwinter.

In the situation where there has been snowfall and our school is open to keyworker and vulnerable children, pupils will only be able to play outside in the snow at break time and lunchtime if they have suitable clothing and footwear for the conditions. E.g. wellington boots or snow boots, warm clothing, winter coats, gloves and hats.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Connelly'.

Mrs Kate Connelly
Head of School
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