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*'Where Every Door is Opened
and Every Gift Unlocked'*

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OUR COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE ICE AND SNOW

Dear Families,

In light of the weather warning received for the end of this week and as it is coming towards the time of year when the temperature drops and we may get some ice and snow, I have decided to re-distribute this letter. As you know we make every effort to keep the school open but sometimes I have to make the decision to close the school for the safety of your children. This decision is not taken lightly and has to be taken with the information I have at that time. Last school year we were very lucky with the Winter weather. Please keep these letters at hand. Due to the cold weather please ensure your child has a:-

- Warm coat that fastens
- Hat
- Scarf
- Gloves
- Suitable footwear if required – school shoes are to be worn in school at all times

All items must be named. A spare set of socks and gloves in their reading folder is also a good idea! Remember Ugg boots and wellies may be worn to school but children must change into school shoes as they enter school. Black leather boots can be worn throughout the school day.

It is imperative at this time that we all work together and are responsible for our own safety in the ice and snow and for the safety of your children when they are in your care walking in to school. My Site Manager and I take lots of decisions during the cold weather to ensure that we have safe pathways in to school but you also have a responsibility to be careful and assess your own risks when walking on ice and snow.

The governors and I complete a risk assessment each year with reference to our responsibilities during ice and snow to minimise risks to enable the school to open and run as normal a school day as is possible. My caretaker will grit two pathways in to school, the entrance that takes you in to school past nursery and then the entrance from the back of school. There will be a clear pathway of grit to the classroom doors and I ask that these are the only pathways that you walk on. Please note that each of the two side gates will be closed. If your child attends Witton Acorns then access will be through the front of school. Witton Acorns staff will send a letter to confirm how this will work. On occasions the back gate may be locked and just the entrance past Nursery will be open – a text will be sent if this is the case. **PLEASE ENSURE THE SCHOOL HAS AN UP TO DATE MOBILE NUMBER SO YOU RECEIVE THIS VITAL INFORMATION.**



If there is ice or snow forecast please can I ask that you keep an eye on our school website, www.wittonchurchwalk.co.uk, the school twitter account, https://twitter.com/witton_walkce and the PTA Facebook page as Mrs Foulkes will keep them updated with reference to the closing of the school. If the decision is made to close the school then a text will be sent to all families, if this service is down we will try our upmost to telephone all our families. Although with us having 275 families this will take a significant amount of time so I would ask you to bear with us if the text service is down.

Kind regards

Mrs K Magiera
Head teacher

Mr G Sheen
Chair of Governors

Mr R Lambert
Health & Safety Governor and Site Manager

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At Witton Church Walk, our varied, Christian based curriculum inspires pupils' thirst for knowledge and promotes a love of life-long learning in a creative, challenging and safe environment. Dynamic and enthusiastic teaching styles which are built on Christian values ensure that the children are engaged and confident to develop transferable skills for life. Our enrichment activities provided through the creative curriculum are fully inclusive and allow children to reflect on their place within the wider community.

Our school works within the recommendations of The Equality Act 2010. Please read this policy alongside and with reference to the Equality, Disability and Community Cohesion Policy 2012.

