Sunday 24th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

IMPORTANT INFORMATION – PHYSICAL SCHOOL CLOSURE DUE TO SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS

Due to the heavy snowfall today and the predicted drop in temperature to as low as -5 degrees overnight, Uplands Manor Primary School will be physically closed to ALL staff and ALL children on Monday 25th January. This includes the children of critical workers and vulnerable children.

I know this will be inconvenient for families, however the safety of staff, children and their families has been my priority in making this decision: many staff travel a long way to school and would have to undertake potentially very dangerous journeys; the roads around school are perilous, as are the pavements; access to the school site is currently unsafe. These conditions will only become worse overnight as the snow is not expected to clear and freezing temperatures will make conditions icy and even more dangerous. This at a time when NHS capacity is already stretched to the limit.

The decision has been made tonight to try and give parents as much notice as possible as opposed to a last-minute decision in the morning. Many other local schools have also made the decision to close this evening for the same reasons.

Although school will be physically closed, remote learning provision will remain in place for all of our children. However, I encourage families to also make the most of these exceptional circumstances and enjoy some time off-screen and enjoying the snow together. Teachers will be suggesting some ‘outdoor’ tasks on Google Classrooms in the morning.

As it currently stands, our physical school will re-open on Tuesday 26th January to vulnerable children and children of key workers. If this situation changes then I will send further information out as soon as it becomes available.

Thank you for your understanding in this difficult situation.

Yours faithfully

Mr A Dickinson
Head Teacher