At this time of the year when bad weather has been forecast, please may we remind you to listen to local radio i.e. Signal/Radio Stoke in the morning in case we have to close the school.

The decision to remain open or close is based on whether we have enough staff on site to maintain safe pupil ratios at the start of the day and also whether the site conditions are safe enough. Any decision to close is never taken lightly and we do recognise the inconvenience that it causes.

We will send out a text message as soon as possible and also update the school website www.westwoodfirst.co.uk after 8.00am. Please look under 'latest news'. However, when we tried to update the website previously we found that it had crashed, probably due to the number of people viewing it!

If you arrive at school and there has been a heavy fall of snow please ensure that the school is open before you leave your child in the playground. We will endeavour to keep the school open once we have received children for the day but if the weather does become severe, you are welcome to collect your child early.

Staff will remain on site until all children have been collected. If school is open, please make sure that your child wears a warm coat and suitable footwear as the children will still go out to play and enjoy the snow. Please also make sure that your child brings spare clothes to school, particularly spare socks.