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Dear Parents

I am writing to clarify our snow closure procedure in case severe weather should be forecast. Whilst the headteachers of all the schools in our multi-academy will work together to make similar decisions about the opening and closing of all schools, Upper Shirley High is served by many staff who live more than five miles away from the school and therefore this may affect our opening arrangements.

USH will declare a late start (at 9.50am, period 2) if severe weather is forecast.

We will keep you informed by text and through the website the day before snow is forecast.

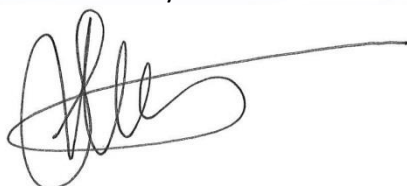
When the weather is hazardous and the school is open we ask that parents decide whether you feel it is safe for your child to make the journey to school. If open, we have determined that we can keep your child safe on our site; however we cannot make an assessment of each road and footpath in our community. We would hope that you will make every effort to bring your child to school.

In the event of severe weather

- Please ensure your correct mobile number has been handed to school as we will use our text messaging service as our most reliable form of contact.
- Text/phone other parents you know at our schools to spread the message.
- Please check our website www.ushschool.org for updates.
- If school is open please send your child with a packed lunch because we cannot guarantee a break or lunch service will be available.
- If school is open please ensure your child has suitable outdoor clothing and footwear.

We will continue to work together as schools to serve our community as best we can. Thank you for your patience and support.

Yours sincerely



Stuart Woods
Headteacher