



# Waddesdon Village Primary School

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## A Pathway to Excellence

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **RE: Happy New Year**

Happy New Year. On behalf of all the staff at Waddesdon Village Primary School, we would like to thank you for all your cards, messages and gifts. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

As you may be aware, there is currently an amber cold health alert in effect that began on New Year's Eve and will continue until 10am on 9th January 2026 across Buckinghamshire and the wider South East region.

Every winter brings the possibility of snow and ice. Extreme weather conditions can cause widespread and prolonged disruption, often affecting schools and making it challenging to maintain a full education service.

As a fundamental principle, every effort must be made to keep schools open, even if only limited numbers of pupils are able to attend. However, schools may need to close under 'unavoidable' circumstances—specifically when it is no longer safe for staff or pupils to be onsite.

We recognise how important it is for Waddesdon Village Primary School to remain open, enabling parents to work and pupils to continue their learning. We will make every effort to prepare for severe snow and ice this winter.

Should the school need to close due to hazardous conditions, the leadership team will notify parents promptly via Parentmail. We will also update Buckinghamshire Council's Closures website and our own school website.

During this current period of cold weather, we will ensure the school is well-heated. Where appropriate, outdoor playtimes and PE sessions may be limited. Please note that children will not be permitted outside without a coat, so we ask for your support in ensuring your child comes to school wearing suitable warm clothing, including a coat, gloves, hat, and scarf.

Thank you for your continued support.

We look forward to welcoming the children back to school tomorrow.

Yours sincerely,

**Miss Laura Forchione**

Headteacher and DSL



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