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Dear Parents and Carers,

Hertfordshire County Council use a notification system, known as 'Everbridge', to inform parents of school closures during severe weather or in an emergency. The decision as to whether or not to stay open during bad weather is never an easy one to make and depends on a number of factors:

- Are there enough staff in school to adequately supervise the children?
- Is the school warm enough, will it remain so and is it safe for the children to be here?

We liaise with Kingsway Infants and Junior Schools so that we are all trying to do the same, but this does depend on individual circumstances.

Please DO NOT BLOCK the telephone line to ask if we are open – sign up for the Everbridge notification system and you will receive a direct message from them. Staff make every effort to get into school and they will be trying to phone in to let us know how far away they are. If we do not hear from staff with their expected time of arrival then we will have to close the school.

You are invited to sign up for the system by following the link below:

<https://member.everbridge.net/index/892807736725489#/login>

Each contact can register up to 2 devices for each communication type (SMS and e-mail). If you have children at more than one school you can register for each school in a single registration process by selecting all schools your children attend.

Once registered, you will receive messages direct from Everbridge relating to the status of your school/schools. This system will be used in conjunction with Wisepay already used in school.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs B. Jackson
Headteacher

