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Dear parents,

Now that we are in our new campus with our steadily growing roll and using the advice of schools in Christchurch after the earthquake, we have revised our snow days and civil emergency procedures. Here are a few things we would like you to know, in case we get a fall of snow in the near future:

- School closures or bus run delays **before** school will be conveyed over our website and Radio Wanaka. If you ring our school office, you will also receive a closure message on our answer phone system, which is relayed as soon as you dial in, as part of the W.P.S welcome message.
- School closures, **whilst children are at school**, will be conveyed over our website, answer phone system and Radio Wanaka. Please don't jam up our phone lines unnecessarily after hearing this message, as we want to keep them clear for urgent calls only. If it looks like snow is going to settle and cause problems, we urge parents to come and pick up children **earlier rather than later**. If you are at all concerned just come and collect them. It is better they are safe with you at home than trapped here at school. Children can be collected from their classrooms. Teachers will be required to check them off their list so we have a record of who has picked up each child etc.
- All children, including bus children, **will be held at school until they are collected**, if we have to close the school during the school day. No child can be sent home as we are not sure if there is an adult there to receive them, and logistically we are unable to ring the homes of 423 children to check.
- **School buses will run at their usual time** if the weather allows. Buses now will **not** run earlier in the day if conditions deteriorate (as per the reasons above).
- If the school is closed we will not allow children to walk or bike home either, in case there is no one at home, and children's safety on their way home could be an issue. We are unable to ring homes to check as this is impractical. So **all** children need to be picked up from school.
- Parents who are unable to collect their children in the case of a school closure can arrange for a caregiver to pick them up, but if this is not possible please contact the school office.

IF WEATHER CONDITIONS WORRY YOU - DON'T DELAY! COME AND COLLECT YOUR CHILD!

Many thanks,
Wendy B