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Good morning everyone!

Last week we saw a significant change in weather conditions, particularly on Friday afternoon. This made the collection of children on Friday afternoon quite a wet, miserable and, for some, a stressful experience. For this we apologise, we attempted to minimise the time the children were outside, but this was still quite tough on them.

As such, as part of our ongoing monitoring, we will review collection on severe weather days as these become more frequent in the Autumn and Winter.

We would like to thank the parents who emailed their thoughts, suggestions and support on Friday regarding this issue, we are grateful we have such good communication with you and some of these suggestions were really helpful.

Today the weather is forecast to be reasonable so the children will exit school as usual, however, on severe weather days (and more frequently if it works) we will try to use walkie talkies to communicate with the classrooms to send children out to you directly from their classroom. This will still follow the same pick up pattern; Year 2 at 3pm and Year 1 at 3.10pm. The only disadvantage of this method is it will slow down collection, again, we will monitor this.

Reception children will continue with exactly the same routines, there is no need for any change for them at this stage.

A number of families have asked why children cannot come out of school in their classes. This a valid question and one that has been considered thoroughly, however, this would cause issues with timetabling and co-ordination with Mill Lane pick up times so for the time being Year 1 and 2 will continue to exit in Year groups.

No options are 'off the table' as we review and adjust constantly, please be patient with us as we can only deploy changes if they meet the government and local authority guidelines and our Nebula risk assessments so implementing any changes means we need to be sure we continue to meet these.

As a final note, please remember to ensure your child comes to school with a good coat with a hood every day, the weather can change at any time! On wet days all children will be allowed to arrive and leave school with wellies/boots on, they can change into their school shoes once inside, these can be carried into school in a named plastic bag. If your child keeps their only pair of wellies at school for Forest Schools, you are welcome to ask for your child to bring them home and only bring them in on their Forest School day.

Thank you for your continued support,

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Miss Owen and the Horsford Holt Road team