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TO: Parents and Staff
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SUBJECT: INCLEMENT WEATHER CLOSING

Parkside will be closed due to inclement weather when the Newton Public Schools announce they will either close or delay an opening. There will not be a separate announcement specifically for Parkside Preschool. Even though an inclement weather closing is a big inconvenience for everyone, the safety issue must be considered first and that is why we depend on the Newton School system to make this informed and carefully thought out decision. Because of the nature of our scheduling policies, we have opted not to delay an opening. Doing so runs a risk of leaving us short staffed and creates a confusing and potentially unsafe condition; therefore, when the Newton School System announces a delayed opening, Parkside will close for the entire day.

The decision to close is normally made in the early hours of the day in question. To find out if the decision is made you may look to the following communication outlets:

WBZ Radio, 1030 AM
WRKO Radio, 680 AM
TV Channels 4, 5, 7, 56
Newton Cable TV

You may also log on to www.newton.k12.ma.us or you may call (617) 559-9699 for a pre-recorded message by the Newton School Department.