



# Snow and Bad Weather Procedures



On rare occasions, particularly in winter, the weather can be so severe that getting to and from school becomes hazardous. It is also possible that the weather deteriorates during the course of the day so that it is necessary for children to leave the premises a little early in order to do so more safely. Decisions about closing the school or sending children home early will not be taken lightly. We will always endeavour to open the school when it is safe and practicable to do so.

We are aware that bad weather by its nature is disruptive and can cause anxiety. Therefore, any action due to poor weather will be communicated to parents via the app and email or text. Information will also be posted in the news section of our website.

Please be aware that if many parents/carers ring the school, it can be difficult to answer the calls as the lines can quickly become jammed.

## Severe Weather Overnight

- If the school has to be closed, a message will be read out on local radio stations.
- Closure will also be communicated to parents/carers via the app, email and on our website.
- If any unaccompanied children arrive at school unaware of the closure, a member of staff will be there to help. The office will phone parents/carers to inform them of the closure, and find out whether the child should return home or wait to be collected.

## If Weather Deteriorates During the Day

- The school will be closed early only in extreme cases.
- The decision to close the school will be made by the Headteacher and senior colleagues, in discussion with the local authority.
- Decisions about early closure will be communicated to staff, parents and children as soon as this is appropriate.
- School will be kept open with staff on hand until the last student has left.

## How Parents/Carers Can Help

- Check the radio/our website /app messages and emails for information communicated by the school.
- Assume school is open if the radio/website /app messages or emails do not announce otherwise.
- Plan ahead with your child what to do in a bad weather emergency.
- Only call the school in bad weather if you really have to – calls in prevent calls out!
- If school is closed, support your child by accessing remote learning. School will issue instructions for home learning, as appropriate, at the time.