



Snow/Severe Weather Policy

Aims:

- To make a clear statement to parents, teachers and staff in order that the correct procedures are followed when severe weather conditions occur.
- To ensure that no pupil or member of staff is in danger due to severe weather conditions.

PROCEDURE - Snow/Severe Weather Conditions Overnight

- A decision as to whether the school will be open will be made by at least 7.45.am.

If the school is to close:.

- From around 8.00.am.onwards members of staff will start to inform all parents by telephone. Yorkshire Coast and BBC Radio North Yorkshire may also be informed and parents are requested to listen to these Radio Stations during severe weather conditions.
- From 8.30.am until 9.00.am.there will be someone in school to inform any callers (either at the gate or by telephone) that the school is closed.

If the school is open:

- The main routes into school will be gritted by the caretaker.
- We are not obliged to keep the public footpath and highway outside the school clear. Please take care.
- Please send your child with outdoor and indoor footwear and adequate warm clothing as we will play outside if there is a safe opportunity to do so.

Children travelling in parents' own transport or within walking distance of school.

- It is important that parents do not attempt to bring children into school unless they have checked that:

The school has not been closed due to the inclement weather

That a member of the teaching staff (Mrs Thompson, Mrs Little, Mrs Bannister, Miss Kaye) is present.

- Under no circumstances must parents leave children on the school premises unless they have checked that a **member of the teaching staff** is in school.
- ***If members of the teaching staff are unable to get to school due to severe weather conditions, under no circumstances can the caretaker be responsible for children left on school premises.***

Snowfalls during the day.

- If during the school day the weather appears to be deteriorating and there is the possibility of any risk to either children or staff travelling home by car or walking, parents will be informed immediately and the children will be sent home.
- No child, will be sent home unless school has confirmed that there is a responsible person at home to supervise the child.
- We rely on parents to ensure we have an emergency contact number and to advise school, if for any reason (i.e. domestic commitments or shopping) they are not contactable by telephone.

This policy will be reviewed annually.

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