

Adverse weather conditions ~ January 2023

Health & Safety

It is our prime concern to ensure that children and staff are safe while on school premises. Decisions about the routine functioning of the school will be made in response to these concerns. Changes may be necessary but broadly the plans laid out below are what we think can happen to enable the school to continue functioning.

The school will open during periods of snowy weather and will only close in extreme circumstances ie. no water supply, no heating, inadequate levels of staffing due to the snow etc.

The school will clear and salt central paths and members of school would be advised to use these for their own safety. It might mean that a different route into school needs to be taken.

Communication

A letter will be sent to parents annually in advance of the weather change to outline the school intentions in the event of snow. This letter will include information about children wearing appropriate clothing, bringing spare socks/trousers, wellies and lunch. Clubs would be cancelled. Dojo and Parentmail will be used centrally to keep parents informed of any changes due to the weather conditions.

Lunches

Hot lunches will be provided as normal although, depending on deliveries, there could be a change to the menu.

Curriculum

If the school remains open:

The classes would run as normal as possible but there would be opportunity for the teachers to use the snow as a possible stimulus for writing and creative work. Time outside would be given for children to enjoy the snow during break, lunch and possibly other times in the day providing the child arrives wearing suitable clothing. Parents are advised to send their child/children to school in **warm non-uniform** and recommend **boots or wellingtons** and a **spare set of socks and trousers**.

In the event that some children might not be able to access roads or transport in the event of snow, the teacher would try their best to upload some aspects of learning via Dojo.

If the school needed to close:

Once established that the school needs to close, parents will be informed by Parent Mail or text. Teachers will tweak their lessons to ensure children do not miss out on all their normal learning - whilst balancing the opportunity for children to enjoy the snow. The lessons for the day are to be delivered via Dojo through the use of information to read and tasks to carry out at a time chosen by parents who may also have been impacted by the snow. Sensitivity will be shown to the fact that parents are most likely to only have access to pen and paper and not printers. One core lesson will be delivered in by the teacher via zoom at the following times:

9am Foundation Stage Phonics

9.20 am Year 1 Phonics and English

10.00 am Year 2 core lesson

10.30am Year 3 core lesson

11.00am Year 4 core lesson

11.30am Year 5 core lesson

12.00pm Year 6 core lesson

It is the expectation that children will attend this Zoom lesson and the link will be sent out via Dojo.

Recorded work should be brought into school the next day or can be sent to the class teacher via Dojo. This will not be looked at or marked until the children return to school.