



School closure for severe weather or other unforeseen circumstances

From time to time due to circumstances beyond its control we may close at short notice. This may be due to adverse weather or unforeseen circumstances such as loss of power to the site.

When closing at short notice we are aware that the timings of our decisions to close the school are critical for parents and carers trying to get their children to school and then get to work. We always try and take the judgment on school closure as early as possible, either the night before or in the morning. We aim to make this decision early enough for parents/carers to make alternative plans for childcare or, for example if there is a heavy snow fall during the day, with enough notice as possible for parents/carers or an alternate to pick up.

Whatever the time of day, please be assured that the decision to close the school is taken after considering many factors, particularly the health and safety of our children and staff, and is not taken lightly.

School Closure

Adverse weather (such as snow or flooding), failure of essential services (water, heating, power) or other unforeseen circumstance may result in access to the school being restricted or may stop children, parents/carers and staff from getting to school safely. If these conditions apply, the following steps will be taken:

The Headteacher will evaluate the prevailing conditions at the school site and in the area.

In the event of poor weather site staff will contact the Headteacher as early as possible, but before 7.00am to advise of their capability of getting to work safely.

If access to the school is regarded as too dangerous or there would be too few staff to teach the children, the Headteacher and Chair of Governors will take the decision to close the school. We aim to make this decision by 7.15am.

The school will notify parents of the closure:

- On the school website
- On the school facebook/twitter page
- Through the schools messaging system (email and text message)



Early Closure

In the event of adverse weather, such as a heavy snowfall, or other unforeseen circumstance that prevent the safe operation of the school during the day or so that the return home may become unsafe, then the Headteacher may decide to close the school. The following procedures will be followed:

The Headteacher will evaluate the prevailing conditions at the school site and in the area.

If environmental conditions are considered unsafe, the Headteacher and Chair of Governors will take the decision to close the school.

The school will notify parents of the closure:

- On the school website
- On the school facebook/twitter page
- Through the schools messaging system (email and text message)

Staff will remain on site to supervise the children with an acceptable ratio of staff to pupils until all the children are collected.