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Springvale Primary School

Adverse Weather Plan

In the event of snow, ice or other extreme weather, we need to ensure that School is able to open safely and so will adhere to the following plan:

Springvale is a PFI school and our facilities are managed by EQUANS. The review of opening the grounds safely is carried out by their contracted staff who will attempt to reach site by 7am.

EQUANS staff aim to complete site checks and to make their assessment by 7.15am. They will then contact our Headteacher so they can then communicate with parents/carers whether school is safe to open. The Headteacher will aim to let parents/carers know by 7.30am. This will be communicated via Teachers2Parents on text and email.

When the decision to close the school is given, this is due to the grounds being unsafe for collection/drop off, specifically the build-up of snow and ice in extreme weather conditions.

The decision may be for a delayed or staggered opening/closing as it may be that more time is required to clear snow or ice and make the site safe. This, again, will be communicated in advance via text and email. Please make sure that you check your emails/texts/ for information about school closures/partial openings.

If there has only been some light snow, there will unlikely be any communication around this. On these days please send your children with their coats, hats, gloves etc. You may also wish to send them in wellies-but please put their school shoes in a bag so that they can change into them when inside the building.

We will also report any School closures to Barnsley Council which will be posted on their website here: https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/schools-currently-closed/

We hope that this explains everything in relation to our adverse weather plan, but as always, if you require any further advise or support then please get in touch with our school office.