



Snow Closure Procedures

In the Event of Snow

We have now come to that time of year when we need to plan for unavoidable school closure in the event of snow. Priority must be for the safety of children and staff travelling to and from school in what may be dangerous conditions.

In the event of overnight snow: the procedures are quite straightforward. A decision on whether or not school should be closed, will be made after consideration of the state of the roads around school and in those areas from which staff and pupils will need to travel. We will also have to consider the likelihood of further snow fall during the day. We will endeavour to make this decision as early as possible in the morning.

If school is to be closed: staff and parents will be informed via our School Spider app. **Please ensure you keep the School Spider app up to date.**

If school is to remain closed the next day: a further School Spider message will be sent. If you do not receive a message, you may presume that school will reopen.

If school is open: Parents/ guardians will need to make their own decision as to whether it is safe to make the journey to school from your home. The safety of you and your child is our paramount consideration so if you feel it is unsafe then please inform school that your child will be absent as it is unsafe to make the journey to school. The safety of our staff is also paramount so therefore on such days it may be the case that certain members of staff are also unable to make the journey to school safely. School will only open if we are able to guarantee safe staffing levels for the day for all children.

In the event of snow falling during the day: a decision about closing will be made following consideration of the likelihood of further heavy snow, and the state of the roads. It has been decided to follow the protocol that if the decision is taken to open for the day it will be very unlikely that the school will then close; however, if snowfall becomes too heavy we may need to review that on the day. If, however you feel that conditions at your home are deteriorating and becoming dangerous then as a parent you may wish to take the decision to collect your child early.

If school is to close, a School Spider message will be sent. Please avoid contacting school to find out if we are going to close as school will notify you as soon as a decision is made. If you are not able to collect your child/ children yourself, you must make arrangements for someone else to do so and ensure that they are aware of the situation. If it is someone different to usual collecting your child please can you notify the school with the name of the person collecting your child.