



SNOW POLICY

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In the event of disruption caused by heavy snow the prime concern of the school will always be the safety of the pupils and staff.

The decision to close the school will take account of the safety of all our pupils and staff, some of whom travel a great distance to school each day. We will always endeavour to open the school in the event of bad weather, as long as it is safe to do so.

Staff will always make every reasonable effort to undertake the journey to school. It is appreciated that the journey may take longer than normal and therefore some staff may not be able to arrive before the normal start of the school day.

In the event of bad weather, parents should check whether the school is open before setting out in the morning. There are a number of ways to check whether the school is open or closed:

- An urgent message will be placed on the home page of the website
- A text will be sent to first named contact on the child's record
- ClassDojo message
- List of school closures on the Stockport council website
www.smbc.gov.uk/cms/content/school-closures

If we make a decision to close the school, we will endeavour to inform parents by 7.30am. We will re-open as soon as it is safe to do so.

If extreme weather conditions develop during the day, we will aim to remain open until the end of school at 3.15pm. However, this is not always possible when roads are becoming treacherous. In this case, parents will be contacted via text and asked to collect their children as soon as possible.

In the event of closure during the day, parents will be informed via the bullet points listed above.

Parents should not phone the school to enquire if we will be closing.

The side gates will be open and parents should collect their children from the usual pick up point, not from the school office.

If you are unable to collect your child, please make arrangements for pick up with another adult.

This arrangement should be communicated to school via email to:

admin@etchells.stockport.sch.uk

If school closes during the day, the after school club, Little Flyers, will not be open.

Sufficient numbers of staff will remain on site until all children have been collected. Parents must however, ensure they collect children as promptly as possible to enable staff to travel home safely.

Please check the methods of communication outlined above to see if the school is open the following day. Updates will be made by 7.30am each day.

If the school is closed for more than one whole day, a limited number of home learning tasks will be set through ClassDojo.