



Snow Alert

Please keep this document handy to help you if it snows!



With winter approaching, it is appropriate to remind parents of what to do should it snow.

In the event of heavy snowfalls, every effort will be made to keep the school open. However, in extremely bad weather this may not always be possible. (There may be a real concern over Health & Safety). We will try to make a decision as quickly as possible but please try to appreciate that sometimes it is not possible to make a decision about closing the school until the last minute - conditions may deteriorate in a very short time and staff may simply be unable to get into school. Many of our teachers travel into the local area from further afield. You will receive a message via our text messaging service to let you know if school is closed. This may be before you hear the announcement on the Radio.

Closure before School opens

- ❖ We will inform the local radio stations Radio Stoke and Signal Radio, who will make an announcement if the school is closed.
- ❖ A text message will be sent to the mobile phone number we have on our records (please inform the school of your new number if you change it).
- ❖ School closures will be listed on the Staffordshire County Council site please follow the link below.

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/schoolsandcolleges/emergencyclosures/schoolclosurelist/schoolclosurelist.aspx> Please note you can sign up for an alert to your mobile if you log on to the site.

Where a decision is made to close the school during the day, pupils will not be sent home unless a parent comes to collect them.

- ❖ We will inform the local radio stations of our closure
- ❖ You will receive a text message from the school. **If you do not have a mobile we will contact you at home.**
- ❖ Please report to the school office when collecting your child, so that you can sign your child out.

Before leaving children at school, parents are requested to check that class teachers have arrived. Pupils who have permission to walk to school by themselves should be given clear instructions on what to do if the school is closed. Please make sure that you tell them not to turn around and walk home, but to come into school and we will then contact you to arrange for someone to collect them.

Sickness absence during the bad weather should, of course, be covered by the normal absence text or phone call.

In snowy weather, if at all possible please send children to school in wellingtons or snow boots, with a pair of shoes to change into for indoor wear. Please see that all items of clothing, including boots and shoes, are clearly marked with your child's name.

Please note if we have *snow or ice*, children are to access the school grounds via the gritted path. Adults and Children must keep to the designated path to ensure their safety in the snow and ice.

Children must not play on the playground in the snow or ice, but must keep to the gritted areas for their own safety.

Thank you for your co-operation.