

# Snow and Bad Weather

## Bad Weather Arrangements

Any decision made to close the school is a significant one as not only does it interrupt learning but we also appreciate that it causes considerable difficulties for our parents/carers. It is always our aim to remain open, however in the event of extreme weather we will make any decision to close the school after considering the safety of students on the school site.

Our emergency plans for school closure are as follows:

### Heavy snow overnight

In the event of heavy snow overnight we will aim to notify parents in the following way (please note this is only possible where trained staff are able to either access the school or work remotely):

- Contact BBC RADIO HUMBERSIDE (95.9 FM) and VIKING RADIO (96.9 FM) who issue information updates on all school closures during bad weather.
- Update the school website with information.
- Send a text message and school app message.
- Upload a message to the switchboard providing details of the closure.
- Provide details via the schools Twitter feed.

The weather can change rapidly and this can influence any decision we need to take at a given time. Please ensure that you have discussed emergency arrangements with your child if they leave home very early.

### Heavy snow during the day

On very few occasions, a decision may have to be made to send students home from school early if heavy snow falls and is forecast to continue to fall during the school day. This decision will never be taken lightly as we appreciate that many parents/carers work and will not be at home immediately to welcome children. Please discuss what you would like your child to do in the event of them being sent home early. In these circumstances it will not be possible to contact each parent individually by telephone, however we will issue a text message to parents/carers from our texting service, mobile networks permitting. We will also update our switchboard message, school website, twitter feed and school app.

A member of staff will always remain on site until the last student has left. The school buses will collect children and leave from the Station Road entrance as normal, however if you are collecting your child, please remind them that they should wait in the school reception so that we know where they are.

### Icy conditions

All members of the school community, including students and visitors, are asked to move around the site safely in icy conditions as it is not possible to grit all areas of the school grounds.

### Unexpected flooding or other extreme weather related events

In the event of any extreme weather related events we will follow the same procedures as outlined for snow and bad weather, wherever possible. We will always endeavour to provide information via the school website, switchboard, school app, twitter feed and where imminent by text alert to parents/carers.