

ADVERSE WEATHER POLICY - SNOW

We would ask that you keep this in a safe place for future reference.

Every effort will be made to keep school open at all times, but regard to children's safety must take precedence.

In the event of heavy snowfall during the school day

- a. The local situation is monitored by the school office who receive bulletins from the police and local 'bus companies as to the state of the roads. School will respond to their advice.
- b. When it would appear that weather conditions may be particularly bad in certain areas, e.g. Weir or Turn, the children from these areas will be sent home immediately provided they have access to home or other place of safety. Before they leave, children must indicate their destination if it is not their home.
- c. After school events: clubs, detention, Parents' Evening will be postponed.
- d. Where adverse weather is forecast, pupils should be suitably clothed, and provided with sufficient money to cover 'bus fares home.

In the event of school closure and on subsequent days.

- e. A decision will be made between 6 am - 7 am as to whether the school should remain open or be closed. In the event of closure. Messages will be:
 - Broadcast on Radio Lancashire (FM95.5 or 104) and G.M.R.(95.1 FM)
 - School answer phone from 7am to 8am.
 - Published on the school website
- f. When students have not heard that school is closed and arrive at school, they should come into school and sign in, so that we know of their whereabouts. School will endeavour to contact parents and arrange for the students to return home. Should a student arrive at school and not be able to return home, s/he may remain in school until such time as return home is possible.

Year after year, after a sudden downfall of snow and closure of school, we have 2-300 children anxiously trying to contact parents to ask what they should do. Please have an action plan organized in advance.

