



St Peter's Church of England (Aided) Primary School Snow Procedures

All parents need to be aware that in snowy weather most children are able to walk to school whilst most staff need to drive some distance, often from small villages. Many will not be able to reach school at all, whilst others may not arrive until mid - morning.

I hope we can work together to avoid the danger of 220 children arriving in school unsupervised for a long period of time or for individual children arriving at school when it is locked, then not knowing what to do.

WE WILL:-

1. Only close school when the weather prevents staff from arriving or the environment is unsafe for both pupils and staff - when snow is severe.
2. Text Parents
3. Inform Radio Leicester of our decision to close.
4. Put a notice on the school gate stating that school is closed.

WE ASK PARENTS TO:-

1. Think whether school is likely to be closed - a light sprinkling of snow should not stop staff getting to school - it is overnight heavy snowfalls that will cause problems.
2. Watch out for our texts on your mobile phones.
3. Listen to Radio Leicester (104.9FM) for school closures. This needs to be done for every day of the poor weather.
4. Look for the notice on the school gate.
5. Discuss clear procedures with your child on what they should do if school is locked.
6. Check that school is open before leaving your child and going to work.

PLEASE DO NOT RELY ON TELEPHONING SCHOOL - it will be difficult to get through and there may well be no-one here to answer your calls.

If your children are already at school and heavy snow begins to fall parents may come and collect children before 3.15 pm. If the weather turns particularly bad it would be helpful if parents came as soon as possible so that staff could start the perilous journey home.

Children will not be left alone so parents also trapped at work need not be concerned.

KEEP THIS INFORMATION IN A SAFE PLACE UNTIL THE RISK OF SNOW HAS PASSED.

When there has been heavy snow but the school remains open, access will be restricted to the gates marked on the map below. Please ensure that you stay on the cleared pathways that will have been gritted and ask your child to wipe their feet on the mats as they enter to reduce the amount of water on the floor.

