

Enjoying the Snow!

Oakwood Snow and Extreme Weather Procedures for Parents

The following arrangements are put into operation at Oakwood, during days when we experience disruption caused by severe snow or extreme weather.

A decision to close the school would only be made in the event of severe weather making it unsafe for children and staff to travel to school. If parents do not hear from the school, then it is a normal day and we are OPEN. In the event of unexpected and particularly heavy snow it may be necessary to have a delayed start to school. In this case, to ensure the safety of the children it may be necessary to delay the start of the school day until 10.00am.

Parents should ensure that children are adequately dressed perhaps with additional layers, appropriate footwear and a warm coat, hat and gloves. The children often go outside and enjoy making snowmen during playtime!

A general request for more parents to be a "Snow Shoveller" and be on standby to help clear paths in the event of snow is made annually. If you live locally and are in a position to volunteer, please give your name to the school office.

Snow Day Information

- A decision will be communicated by 8.00am if the school is going to be closed. Parents are asked **NOT** to call the school as staff will be busy and cannot answer. Also, calling the school blocks the lines for staff to report in or essential calls to be made.
- Information will be communicated via parent mail and the school closure notification system
- In the past there has been increased traffic on the Internet and so we cannot guarantee to post information on the school website.
- If conditions deteriorate during the school day a decision may be made to close the school early. A text will always be sent to parents to inform them of any changes.
- If you do not hear from the school, then assume it is a normal day and we are OPEN
- If the school is open it is likely that the kitchen could well be closed and therefore parents may need to send children to school with some food. If this is the case, please ensure you provide food in accordance with our food allergies section in the Health Eating and Menus section of our website.

Restricted Site Access and Priority Path Clearance

On mornings disrupted by heavy snow or ice we will:

- Only open whichever footpath is less affected by snow-probably the left hand one by the hedge. This will be cleared to the main entrance.
- Further routes will be cleared to Acorns and The Annexe classrooms.
- Breakfast Club will take place in the school dining hall
- Other routes and doorways will be cleared as manpower and conditions allow
- Staff, parents and children need to take extra care

On snow days we ask that parents and children DO NOT arrive at school early, i.e. before 8.45am.

Thank you for your patience. We will always do everything possible to keep the school open throughout the winter without compromising the safety of your children.

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