



Alsager Highfields Primary School

Mighty oaks from small acorns grow

Snow & Bad Weather Policy

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In the event of disruption caused by heavy snow, the prime concern of the school must always be the safety of the pupils and staff.

The decision to close the school will take account of the safety of all our pupils and staff. We will always endeavour to open the school in the event of bad weather, as long as it is safe to do so. If the school is open in snow or bad weather, the decision as to whether or not to send a pupil to school, however, must be at the discretion of the parents, considering factors such as local road conditions and the availability of child-care.

In event of bad weather, parents should check whether the school is open before travelling to the site.

There are a number of ways to confirm whether the school is open or closed.

- Check the school website (www.alsagerhighfields.com)
- Check for an e-mail attached to your Parentpay account
- Listen for lists of school closures on the local radio.

PLEASE CHECK THE ABOVE BEFORE RINGING THE SCHOOL

If the school is closed, we will make a decision as early as possible, and will intend to re-open as soon as we can. If the school does open, but extreme weather develops during the day, we will aim to remain open until the end of the normal school day at 3.15pm. However, this is not always possible when roads are becoming treacherous. If these circumstances arise parents will be contacted via Parentpay to collect their children as soon as possible. We will also post the information on the school website. Normal lessons may be curtailed and the remaining pupils assembled in groups under the supervision of authorised members of staff to await collection. Staff will always make every reasonable effort to undertake the journey to school. It is appreciated that the journey may take longer than normal and therefore some staff may not be able to arrive before the normal start of the school day. It may also be necessary to ask all children to bring packed lunches if the kitchen staff are unable to reach school safely.