Adverse Weather Plan 2026/27

Information for Parents:

It is the policy of the school to make every effort to remain open whenever possible.

The decision to close the school either before or during the school day will be made by the headteacher. The school will only be closed if one or more of the following conditions apply:

- Insufficient staff are able to come in to keep the school running safely
- Conditions on site are dangerous
- Conditions are considered to be or are anticipated to later become too hazardous for travel

Punctuality and Attendance:

We appreciate that during extreme weather children may arrive later than normal; parents should endeavour to contact school to let us know that they are on their way if likely to be delayed.

Parents acting on the assumption that the school would be closed without gaining confirmation, or failing to inform the school of the circumstances that prevents the child coming into school risks their child being registered as an un-authorised absence.

Where the school is officially closed, all absence is counted as authorised absence.

In the event of the school having to close during the day due to unforeseen worsening weather or similar unforeseen circumstances, parents will be contacted with a message via MCAS app and the information will appear on the home page of the school website and they will be asked to collect their child/ren.

Such an early release will only be contemplated in very extreme circumstances.

Hot lunches:

School hot meals will be provided as normal; choice may be limited on some occasions.

Playgrounds and Pathways:

In the event of snow some pathways will be cleared and salted. Parents, children and visitors need to be aware that pathways, even where cleared, do remain dangerous. Children will be reminded of this in assembly.
Before and after school opening hours parents are responsible for ensuring their children do not slide on the school playground.

Notification of School Closure:

If the school needs to be closed the information will be sent to the local radio station, sent to the LA who will advertise it on the https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/school-closures/, the school website will be updated and a MCAS notification will sent to all registered parents.