




Bright Stars

Rudston Primary School and Bright Stars Nursery

Snow and Bad Weather Policy

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**This policy and all school policies are produced in accordance to guidance set out in
our school legislation and guidance policy.**

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Safeguarding Statement:

“Rudston Primary school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.”

Our Mission Statement:

To develop a love of learning,
enabling all children
to reach their full potential.

* Respect * Resilience *
* Responsibility * Enjoyment *
* Challenge *

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1.0 Introduction

In the event of disruption caused by snow and bad weather, 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, some of whom travel a great distance to school each day.

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 staff and childcare.

Our first priority will always be to ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of pupils, staff, parents and families.

In the absence of the Head Teacher decisions regarding opening and closure will be made by the Deputy Head Teacher.

2.0 In the Event of Snow and Bad Weather Before the School Day Starts

2.1 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:-

- Notification via ParentApps
- Announcement on the school Twitter page.
- Listen for lists of school closures on local radio
- Check the list of school closures on the Liverpool City Council Website

<https://liverpool.gov.uk/crime-prevention-and-emergencies/extreme-weather/> .

2.2 If the school is to be closed, we will try and make a decision as early as possible, and will intend to reopen as soon as we can.

2.3 If the school is open, but road conditions are difficult, [parents should contact the school to advise they are likely to be late).

2.4 If parents assume the school is closed, but is actually open, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised unless the Head teacher is satisfied that there are exceptional circumstances.

3.0 In the Event of Snow and Bad Weather During the School Day

3.1 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. However, this is not always possible when roads are becoming treacherous. In which case the Head Teacher will decide whether it is necessary to close the school.

3.2 If the decision is made to close the school, parents will be contacted via ParentApps and Twitter and asked to collect their children as soon as possible. Under these conditions we will take verbal permission for their child /ren to be collected by a nominated adult.

3.3 Normal lessons may be curtailed and the remaining pupils assembled in groups under the supervision of authorised members of staff to await collection.

3.4 If a parent contacts the school requesting they pick their child up early due to the weather, and the decision has not been made to close the school, the Head Teacher will decide how the absence has been recorded.

4.0 Staff Information for Adverse Weather Conditions

4.1 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.

4.2 In the event of severe weather conditions during the school day, staff that live the furthest away will be permitted to leave at the earliest opportunity.

4.3 A Skeleton staff will remain in school until all of the children are collected.

4.4 If the decision has been made to close school before the start of the day, all staff will be contacted by a member of the SLT to give further details/instruction.

5.0 Equality & Disability Access Implications

If there were to be any child or member of staff in school with a disability or mobility impairment consideration will be given to their specific needs and any potential impact of the weather conditions on their ability to get to school and/or around the school site