



Winterbourne Junior Girls' School

Adverse Weather Conditions Policy

Introduction

The school will make every effort to remain open whenever possible.

The decision to close the school will be made by the Head Teacher. The school will only be closed if one or more of the following conditions apply:-

1. Insufficient staff are able to come in to keep the school running safely.
2. Conditions on site are dangerous.
3. Conditions are considered to be or are anticipated to become too hazardous to travel.

In the Event of Heavy Snow Before the School Day Starts

Parents

When school closure is a possibility parents should find out whether the school is open by: Checking <https://opencheck.atomwide.com/default.aspx>

or <https://www.croydon.gov.uk/>

where there will be a link to the opencheck website.

A Parentmail will also be sent out in the event of school closure.

If it is decided that the school will open, but the road conditions are difficult, parents should ring the school to advise if they are likely to be late.

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

The School

The Head Teacher will decide whether the school will open taking into account the conditions at the school and the ability of staff to get there.

If the Head Teacher decides the school will close she will update the opencheck website accordingly and send a text message to staff and parents advising them of the closure.

The school fully appreciates that in bad weather children may arrive later than usual.

In the event of heavy snowfall during the school day

If there is heavy snowfall during the school day the Head Teacher will decide whether it is necessary to close the school.

The School Office will contact parents and ask that they pick their child/children up from school as soon as possible.

Aspirations, Expectations, No Excuses

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Vincam – 'Together we Conquer'



The Staff that live furthest from the school will be permitted to leave at the earliest opportunity.

A skeleton staff will remain in school until all of the children have been collected.

If a parent rings requesting they pick their child up early due to the weather, and the decision has not been made to close the school, these requests will be considered on an individual basis by the Head Teacher.

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