

Britannia Community Primary School Snow and Bad Weather Statement

We have endeavoured to put in place sensible systems that will hopefully cater for the best interests of all parents in the case of snowy weather.

Light snow

During our more usual 'light snowy conditions' school will remain open but we do appreciate parents may still have difficulties bringing children to school.

- School will prioritise clearing the path to the Main Entrances. This doesn't mean the other doors will be locked just that the paths may not yet have been cleared so well, we do intend clearing them all in due course.
- We do appreciate that traffic on Rochdale Road usually involves long queues during ice and snow, therefore you do not need to telephone us if you find yourselves stuck in the queue, it will be taken into account when your child arrives safely at school.
- If your child is ill please phone as usual before 9.30 am, if you are going to be late due to the weather please just explain when you arrive at school safely.

School closure

In the event of extremely heavy snow first thing in the morning it may be necessary to close school, this decision is never taken lightly but may be unavoidable due to health and safety and inadequate staffing levels.

- If we do need to close school the decision will be made as early as possible before 8.55 am.
- To do this we will send a text message informing the '1st contact mobile phone number' that school is closed. Therefore if the '1st contact' is not bringing your child to school then the '1st contact' will need to forward the text message on to whoever is bringing your child to school.

Snow during the course of a school day

- In the event of heavy snow starting during the course of a school day we will endeavour to remain open until the normal home time 3.30pm.
- Parents may collect their children early if they are concerned about travel conditions, by this we mean if you live so far from school you are left with no option but to drive your car.
- If you are within walking distance we ask that parents and carers wait until 3.30pm as not only does it cause lesson disruption it is unmanageable for the office staff to collect all the children.

As you can appreciate it is most important to ensure we have correct and up-to-date contact telephone numbers. Please feel free to contact Mrs Dempsey at the school office if you need to make any alterations.

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