



Ancaster
Church of England Primary School

Monday 26th February 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

The weather forecast for this week is predicting large amounts of snow for this area and we will endeavour to stay open as usual. Any decision to close the school will not be taken lightly and will be made based on a risk assessment of whether the school is practical/safe to open. We wanted to ensure that you know exactly where to find the information should we make the decision to close.

Informing parents of a closure before school has begun

We will make any decision as early as possible and inform parents via email that the school will be closed. We will also update the school website and tweet that the school is closed. In addition to this, we have to statutorily inform Lincolnshire County Council, who then update their website which will detail the status of every school in Lincolnshire. This is a good place to keep as a favourite to find out about other schools. This information is often repeated on Lincs FM and BBC Radio Lincolnshire.

Informing parents of the school closing partway through the day

If the weather worsens throughout a day and deteriorates to a point where we are concerned for children getting home safely, it may be that the end of the school day is brought forward. If this is the case, we will inform parents via email explaining that the school is closing due to weather and to pick children up at your earliest convenience. We will also tweet this information and update our school website. After a designated time in the day, we will begin calling parents who may not have access to emails. If you notice the weather deteriorating, please keep an eye on our school website for the latest and most up to date information.

Whilst in school, we want the children to enjoy the snow and will provide them opportunities to go outside and have fun with their friends at breaks and lunches. Children may go outside if they have a change of shoes (preferably wellies) and it may be a good idea to provide an additional pair of socks/tights to change into if the children get their feet wet outside. We also ask that children come to school in a suitable coat, with a hat, scarf and gloves.

Already the children have been outside and made good use of the field of fresh snow. Whilst children relish in the opportunity to have fun, as adults, we see the danger when we are graced with the presence of snow and I would like to wish you all safe journeys on the roads-in the mornings and evenings please do not rush to get here if the weather is bad, we completely understand the need to travel slower and how this might impact on journey times.

Yours sincerely,

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