



Snow and Ice Policy

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Bramhope Primary School Snow and Ice Policy

Responsibility

In the event of severe weather conditions, it is the responsibility of the headteacher (or another member of the SLT) to monitor the potential health and safety risks to pupils, staff and visitors entering the site and to treat the site accordingly. The headteacher will consult with the Estates team to decide whether the school should close or have a late opening.

Communication with staff and parents

In the event of severe weather conditions, the headteacher will decide by 7:15am how this will impact the school. **Once a decision has been made, staff, parents and carers will receive one of 3 messages:**

School open message	School is open today (<i>insert date</i>) as usual. Please take additional care when bringing your child to the appropriate gate and only use the paths which have been cleared of snow.
Late opening message	Due to extreme weather conditions today (<i>insert date</i>) many of our staff require additional travelling time to ensure they arrive safely. School will therefore open today (<i>insert date</i>) at 10:00 AM. All parents should bring their child to the usual gate on arrival and only use the paths which have been cleared of snow.
School closed message	Due to extreme weather conditions and/or limited staffing, school will remain closed for the whole of today (<i>insert date</i>) We anticipate school will re-open tomorrow as usual.

The school day

Every effort will be made to stick to the usual timetable. However, if a teacher is not available, classes may combine, and lessons may be impacted. In some instances, after school clubs may be cancelled. If this is the case, parents will be informed via email and text.

Remote learning

If school is closed for the day, parents should access work from the home learning page of our school website.

Late arrivals and early departures

If children arrive at school late, they must be signed in at the school office in the usual way.

Playtime

In poor weather it is sometimes necessary to keep the children inside at playtimes, especially when the playground is icy. If it is judged safe, pupils may be taken out on to the field if they are wearing suitable wellington boots or walking boots. Please note that in winter, children should have gloves and a hat for playtime

Throwing snowballs is not permitted in any area of the school by anyone. This is to ensure the safety of pupils in school.