

WEXHAM COURT PRIMARY SCHOOL

Snow and Bad Weather Policy

2017- 2020



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Responsibility: Head Teacher

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SNOW AND BAD WEATHER POLICY

This policy outlines the procedures the school will follow should there be a concern around severe weather in the local area.

The school is mindful that parents and carers may be inconvenienced should the school close, certainly it is very difficult for key workers, such as emergency service staff to take time off work. Therefore when making a decision to close the school due to severe weather, the school aim to make every effort to remain open in the event of bad weather, as long as it is safe to do so.

In the event of bad weather a decision to close the school will be made by the Head Teacher. The school will only close either before or during the school day if one or more of the following conditions apply:

A sufficient number of staff are unable to come in to keep the school running safely.

Conditions on site are dangerous.

Conditions are considered to be or are anticipated to later become too hazardous for travel

The school are unable to provide lunches due to lack of staff or health and safety.

If the school is to close we will announce the decision as soon as possible in the following ways:

On the school's website;

On Slough Borough Council's website;

By text message to the telephone number that we have on our systems for parents and staff.

Where an official decision is made to close the school, all absence is counted as an authorised absence. Where able, teachers should offer their services to local schools.

Parents who assume that the school will be closed without obtaining confirmation, or not informing the school of the circumstances that prevent their child/children coming into school, risks their child being registered as an un-authorised absence. We do however, understand, that during bad weather children may arrive later than normal, or some families are cut off and may not be able to get into school. In such cases, please let the school know about your situation.

January 2017

Miss N Mehat Headteacher

Signed:

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