

Winter is coming!!

Once again we have to prepare for the possibility of snow disruption this winter.

Our key objective during the worst weather conditions is to open school on a site that is safe and adequately staffed. When we experience ice and snow our first priority is to assess whether we can make the site safe for adults and children.

Although we keep up to date with forecasts and weather warnings, some snow and ice conditions can be quite localised. What appears to be "slushy" snow at school can be compacted very quickly on frozen ground when children are walking on it, or there may be severe snow around school but little where you live.

When there is a possibility that school may not be able to open, we will make the following assessment;

- Can the site be made safe?
- Will we have sufficient staff to meet appropriate adult : child ratio?
- Can we provide meals at lunchtime?

When we are confident we have an adequate number of staff and accessibility to school is safe, we will open.

If the decision is ever taken to close the school due to severe weather conditions, a school closure message will be:

- **BROADCAST ON LOCAL RADIO STATIONS FROM 7AM ONWARDS**

BBC Radio Newcastle	-	95.4FM	
Star Radio	-	102.8FM	- 106.8FM
Capital FM	-	105FM	- 106FM
Metro FM	-	97.1FM	
- **SENT OUT TO PARENTS VIA TEXT MESSAGE.**
- **POSTED ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE.**

Please note that you will only be notified if the school is closed. If you do not receive a text message and there is no closure message on the school website, then please assume that school is open.

If school has been closed due to severe weather, messages to confirm when school will re-open will also be communicated via the methods stated above.

If our school remains open during periods of bad weather and your child does not attend we will record their absence unless of course the absence is due to sickness.

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind parents to send their children to school with waterproof boots, a warm coat, hat and gloves as the weather worsens.

Please ensure that the school office has your correct contact number so that you will receive a text.

PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT CLOSING A SCHOOL IS NEVER A DECISION THAT IS TAKEN LIGHTLY;

**WE WILL DO
WE CAN DO
OPEN.**



**EVERYTHING
TO STAY**