

Woodcroft First School

Statement in Respect of Extreme Weather Conditions

If at all possible, School **will** operate as usual.

1. Almost all the children who belong to the School live within easy reach of the School premises, thus ensuring that whatever the weather conditions, the majority will be able to attend. This factor is always borne in mind by the Staff at the School.
2. It is expected that all Staff will attempt to make their journey to School as normal.
3. **NB** It must be appreciated, however, that despite all efforts being made by Staff to attend, adverse conditions i.e. snow, traffic, untreated roads etc. may result in insufficient staff being in attendance at the start of the School day. This being the case the School will be unable to operate normally.
4. Attempts will be made by the Headteacher to contact Radio Stoke and Signal Radio to announce closure, should this become necessary. Also attempts will be made to communicate with the Deputy Headteacher and other senior members of staff and to get information through to School re: closure or non closure, at the earliest opportunity.
5. **Parents should ensure that their child's Class Teacher is present at the beginning of the school day, before leaving him/her at the School.**
6. Should it be necessary to close the School, parents need to ensure that alternative arrangements have been made to cover such eventuality.
7. It is easier and indeed safer to make a decision to close the School at the beginning of the School day should this be necessary, when most parents are in attendance with their children. However, should weather conditions deteriorate during the course of the day resulting in the children having to be sent home, **it is imperative that up to date emergency contact numbers are held by the School.**

Care will be taken to ensure that the parents of children living in the Longsdon area are notified of closure at the earliest opportunity (re: School Minibus travel)
8. **If conditions deteriorate during the course of the school day making travel conditions difficult, parents may wish to collect their child earlier than the end of the school day. If this should happen please come directly to school. There is no need to telephone first.**
10. It must be appreciated that each incidence of severe weather is different, and a decision on closure has to be made according to the situation prevailing at the time.

ACTION IN EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS

BAD WEATHER is forecast and as you may be aware the majority of our teachers live outside the town and rely on roads being clear for their journey into school.

Please listen to Radio Stoke where it will be broadcast which schools are closed in the area and check with the school as to whether or not your child's Class Teacher has arrived.

Your co-operation is very much appreciated.

BEFORE SCHOOL CLUB ACTION

Mrs Cartlidge will contact Radio Stoke/Signal if school is closed.

Mrs Cartlidge will ring Laura (Buckingham) to inform her by 7.30am.

***Mrs Cartlidge will inform Staffordshire County Council and school closure details will appear on their website;
www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/schoolsandcolleges/emergencyclosures/***

If heavy snow falls during the day and other children are collected early, Mrs. Cartlidge will stay until every child has been collected.

(Whatever time!)

(Attached is our School Policy in respect of extreme conditions)