



SNOW POLICY

This policy also applies to the EYFS

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The School may have to close because of snow. If weather and road conditions are treacherous, we are not able to guarantee adequate staffing for the safe and responsible care of your pupils. We do not want to be in a position where pupils come to school and have to be turned away. We have therefore reluctantly concluded that we will have to close the school if there is significant snowfall at Lyonsdown or in the surrounding areas where increasing numbers of staff reside. Communication regarding Snow Days will use the website, Clarioncall (email and text message) and social media to advise parents of any decision either the night before if conditions make it clear the School will need to close, or early on the day itself.

However, if the school is open and a Snow Day has not been declared, but your journey to school would be hazardous because of localised conditions, please exercise caution. It is best to remain as safe as possible. On days such as these, we may allow pupils to travel to school in non-uniform clothing, and will let families know if this is the case. Pupils will still need to wear full school uniform during school hours.

Should the weather deteriorate during the day and we feel that it is becoming dangerous to keep the school open; parents will be advised that the School is closing via Clarioncall (email and text message) and social media. We may also cancel after-school clubs and activities. You should then make arrangements to collect your child as soon as it is possible and safe for you to do so. Please enter the school via the front door and go to the School Office so that we can arrange for your child to be brought to you and signed out.

The question and answer section below applies to days that have not been declared Snow Days but where localised conditions may be hazardous

Will I be contacted in the event of snow?

This policy can be found on the school website and gives clear instructions for snow days. The school will not contact parents individually. A Clarioncall will be sent to all parents and details will be posted on the school website and social media.

Do I need to contact the School?

If you feel that your journey is too hazardous, please contact the School Office to advise us your child will not be in.

To travel to school or not?

Parents and staff have to decide whether it is safe and desirable for them to make the journey into school. As the weather conditions can differ dramatically from area to area, this is a decision you must come to based on the conditions you are faced with.

When should I collect my child?

Parents who feel they need to collect their child early are welcome to do so at a time which suits them. Please contact the School Office in advance so that we are aware of your intentions.

Where do I go to collect my child?

Any changes to the normal collection procedure will be advised via Clarioncall. If you wish to collect your child earlier, this is not a problem, but we ask that you come to the School Office where we will locate your child and bring them to you.

Will there be before and after school clubs?

The Breakfast Club and After School Club will operate as normal. If either club, or any after school clubs or activities are cancelled parents will be informed by Clarioncall. However, should you be delayed in collecting your child, please ring the School Office to keep us informed. As always, we will look after pupils until you are able to get here.