

PARENTS

EGTON CE (VA) PRIMARY SCHOOL

PLANS FOR SNOW / SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS

Aims

- We aim to make a clear statement to parents, pupils and staff in order that the correct procedures are followed when severe weather conditions occur.
- We also aim to ensure that no pupil or member of staff is in danger due to severe weather conditions.

Procedure

- A decision as to whether the school will be open will be made by at least 7.45.am.

If the school is to close:

- The school will inform the drivers of the Minibuses.
- From around 8.00.am.onwards members of staff will start to inform all parents by telephone. Yorkshire Coast and BBC Radio North Yorkshire may also be informed and parents are requested to listen to these Radio Stations during severe weather conditions.
- From 8.30.am until 9.00.am.there will be someone in school to inform any callers (either at the gate or by telephone) that the school is closed.

If the school is open:

- The main routes into school will be gritted by the first member of staff on site. Please use the main entrance to front door path if the children's gate is locked.
- We are not obliged to keep the public footpath and highway outside the school clear. Please take care.
- Please send your child with outdoor and indoor footwear and adequate warm clothing as we will play outside if there is a safe opportunity to do so.

For Children travelling to School by NYCC Transport (Minibuses)

- *In the event of heavy snow or severe weather during the night, it is the responsibility of the taxi company to ascertain whether or not it is safe for them to transport children to school.*
- *If taxis do not arrive due to bad weather and parents decide to transport children in their own vehicles, this must be at their own risk, it is essential that they telephone school first (01947 895369) to check that a member of the teaching staff is present and that the school has not been closed due to severe weather conditions.*
- *Parents should be aware that if school is open but transport is cancelled in the morning due to bad weather, **the cancellation may remain for the whole day** so, if they bring their children to school, they may have to make arrangements to collect them at the end of the school day. Parents should therefore check with the relevant transport company to clarify the end of day arrangements.*

All Children

- **Under no circumstances must parents leave children on the school premises unless they have checked that a member of the teaching staff is in school.**
- If during the school day the weather appears to be deteriorating and there is the possibility of any risk to either children or staff travelling home by car or school minibus, parents will be informed immediately and the children will be sent home.
- **No child will be sent home unless school has confirmed that there is a responsible person at home to supervise the child.**