

GREYTHORN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Adverse Weather Plan



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Winter weather procedures for Greythorn Primary School

It is the policy of the school to make every effort to remain open whenever possible. The decision to close the school either before or during the school day will be made by the Head teacher.

The school will only be closed if one or more of the following conditions apply:

- Insufficient staff are able 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.

If the school is to close:

The closure will be recorded on the school website

<http://www.greythornschoo.co.uk/>

The school's twitter account @GreythornPS

- Parents who have provided up to date mobile phone numbers and/ or email addresses will be alerted to the closure using the Parent Text service activated by the Head teacher once the closure has been decided.
- Listen to Capital FM and BBC radio Nottingham for school closures.
- The school will make all practicable efforts to keep parents informed as to the situation with the school during adverse weather conditions, as we appreciate that such conditions and the uncertainty places very considerable difficulties upon parents. However, parents are expected to check the websites when it is clear that a closure is a possibility.
- The school appreciates that during bad weather children may arrive later than normal, parents should endeavour to contact the school to let them know they are on their way if likely to be delayed.

In the event of the school having to close during the day due to unforeseen worsening weather or similar unforeseen circumstances:

- Parents will be contacted by text, email and telephone to advise them of the early closure. Such an early release will only be contemplated in very extreme circumstances.

- Children are expected to continue their studies at home and advice will be provided on the school website.

Site safety:

- In the event of snow and ice, a cleared path in to school will be in operation.
- **Parents, children, visitors and staff must be aware that pathways, even where cleared, do remain hazardous. Students will also be reminded of this in assembly.**
- In icy conditions the site team will make every endeavour to salt pathways from the main gates to the nearest entrance into the building.
- Where necessary, essential pathways will be maintained as clear as possible throughout the day.
- **A plan will be placed on the school noticeboard so it is clear where on site the gritting has taken place.**
- On school days where the school is closed to students, the site team and senior staff will monitor conditions in order to re-open the school as soon as it is safe to do so.
- During significant adverse weather conditions, the school hall and certain corridors will be open from 8.50am for the children to wait inside.
- During adverse weather conditions, the playgrounds may be out of bounds at the beginning and end of school, and if necessary, at break times as well.
- In the Head teacher's absence the most senior leader on site will assume responsibility for making all decisions relating to the Winter Weather Procedures.

Impact on staff:

- The Head teacher will assume that staff are able to attend school as usual unless staff text or email directly. If they are unable to attend they will inform the head teacher as soon as possible.
- Our first priority is for the children of Greythorn Primary School. It is understood however, that members of staff will need to make arrangements for their own children as well as their own transport arrangements in adverse weather conditions.
- When the school is open, it is expected that all staff will do their best to get to work even if this means that they will be late. Keeping the school informed of any problems that staff encounter is a priority.
- If students are dismissed during the school day, we will need to ensure adequate supervision for those who remain in school. Staff will be informed by senior staff that they can leave as soon as is reasonably possible
- Priority will be given to those staff who have been advised by their child's school that their child must be collected because their school is also closing.
- If the school is closed the Head teacher will contact staff, staff will use any snow closure time spent at home to provide remote learning instead.

Gritted Pathway highlighted in red

