



Oxley Park Academy

Bad Weather Policy

Guidance for Parents/Carers in the case of Bad Weather

It is our policy to remain open unless we are forced to close because there is a risk to the health and safety of staff and students.

If we are closed, parents will be notified by text message, and closure will also be posted on the school website, and the Milton Keynes Schools website.

The Headteacher, or her representative, is on site by 7:30am each day (7:00am when poor weather is expected) and will determine as quickly as possible after consultation with the facilities manager, if the school is to be closed or a later start invoked for safe travelling purposes.

Closure **will** be avoided where possible.

There is no need to contact the school to check whether or not the school is open. Unless announced as above, we are open! While we understand parental concerns, it is a challenge for the office to respond to literally hundreds of calls. Please do not telephone the school at these times unless there is an emergency. If any family does not have access to a computer or mobile phone please let us know and we will accommodate your needs.

Should the weather worsen during a school day, children will only be sent home if we have concerns that pupils are at risk of being unable to travel home safely.

These are not decisions we take lightly. We enjoy coming to school as much as the children and will always strive to ensure continuity is maintained.

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