



SNOW AND BAD WEATHER POLICY 2015-17

We only close the school in extreme circumstances, i.e. if insufficient members of staff are able to arrive at school and return home in safety.

Lessons will continue as usual but, of course, we change the time table so that, providing they have suitable clothing and footwear, the children have additional time outside where they can have fun with their friends. We would not deprive them of what might be their only chance to play in snow (please see the example letter to parents).

Advice regarding children's safety within school during periods of bad weather will be posted on the school website.

If snow threatens to close the school:

- ❖ a notice will be placed on the school gate;
- ❖ and details will be found on the Gloucestershire County Council website.

www.glosclosedschools.com

You can also tune in to:

Heart Radio 102.4 FM

Radio Gloucestershire 104.7 FM; 95.8 FM or 95 FM

Signed:

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WEATHER UPDATE AND SCHOOL CLOSURE INFORMATION

Date:

Dear Parents

The latest weather forecast for tomorrow shows snow coming in from the west to reach us at about 5.00am, this snow will continue to fall for most of the day.

A decision about school closure will be made at 10.30pm (tonight) based on the latest weather forecast. We will open the school if it is possible to do so, taking into consideration the safety of the pupils and staff.

When the school does open in this sort of weather we do ask you to make provision for your child to be collected if you are unable to get back in time to pick them up, either at the usual time of 3.15pm **OR, IN THE EVENT OF EARLY CLOSURE**. There will, of course, be no clubs tomorrow night, as staff need to get home safely too.

If the school is open the children will have lessons as normal; however we take as many opportunities as possible to take them outside into the snow to have lots of fun and games with their friends. This is, of course, providing that they wear suitable clothing and footwear. They **must** have a warm waterproof coat and a change of footwear (waterproof for outside), a hat, scarf and gloves are optional but sensible and we ask that they bring an **extra** pair of socks.

Waterproof footwear: wellington boots or other waterproof footwear (an old pair of strong shoes will do); these are for the children to **CHANGE INTO WHEN THEY GO OUTSIDE**. Clearly we do not want wet, snowy deposits on the floors where the children work and sit, neither do we want the children to have wet feet. When the children are in school the floors are carpeted and the central heating is on high so there is absolutely no reason for any child to be wearing winter boots or additional clothing in school.

If we decide to close the school this information will be broadcast on the radio and will be posted on the County Council website. There will also be a notice placed on the school gate.

Please listen to the radio to check the current situation.

The stations that you need to tune into are:

Tune in to Heart Radio 102.4 FM, 103.0 FM.

Radio Gloucestershire 104.7 FM; 95.8 FM; 95 FM.

Details of closures can also be found on the County website.

- www.glosclosedschools.com
- www.glosclosedschools.co.uk
- Glos Closed Schools

