

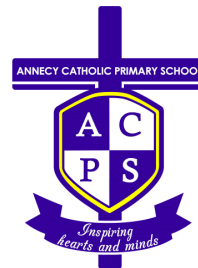
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Dear Parents and Carers

26th February 2018

Contingency Planning for Heavy Snowfall

Every year we plan for the possibility of snowfall and look at the options for keeping the school open in various scenarios.

This year we would be in a difficult position if there is much snow as most of our teachers travel some distance to get here. If a heavy snowfall affected public transport it would not be possible for the school to open at all.

Please find below what we would expect to happen in four different scenarios:

- 1. Light snowfall. Side-roads are easily accessible by car. Main roads have been gritted and public transport is running normally.**

School will be open as usual.

- 2. Medium snowfall. Side roads are not easily accessible by car – especially in hilly residential areas in Brighton and Eastbourne. Public transport is running.**

School will open for all children at a later time of 10:00 to allow sufficient staff to use public transport to arrive at school with delays and congestion being anticipated.

- 3. Heavy snowfall. Side roads are not accessible. Public transport is not running.**

School will be closed.

- 4. Heavy snow begins during the day and begins to settle up to levels which may cause travel disruption.**

The school will monitor the situation but may ask parents to collect children early if they are able to do so, in order to ensure that children and staff get home safely.

Obviously every situation is different when the weather is involved and we have made plans to be able to decide on the options above (or other options) and inform parents by text, email and via our website soon after 6:30am. Other options for information are included at the foot of this letter.

We hope that giving you this advance warning of what the school is likely to do in various conditions gives you the opportunity to make your own contingency plans in the event that the school is closed or has a later opening time than usual.

Yours sincerely,

P Gallagher

Paul Gallagher
Interim Deputy Head

Emergency School Closures due to Bad Weather

You can find out about emergency school closures by:

- Checking our school website: www.annecy.e-sussex.sch.uk
- Viewing a *List of emergency school closures* on the ESCC website: eastsussex.gov.uk
- Subscribing to School Closure Alerts on the ESCC website
- Listening to local radio stations (Seahaven FM, BBC Radio Sussex, Heart FM, Sovereign FM)
 - Checking your emails and text messages