



# NORMANTON JUNIOR ACADEMY

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## SNOW PLAN

Dear Parents & Carers,

As you are undoubtedly aware, the weather forecast for the next few weeks suggests bitter conditions with strong winds and further snow, and it is set to get increasingly colder!

**Please can I reassure parents that it is my policy to make every effort to remain open whenever possible.**

However, as a cautionary measure we are trying to put emergency plans in place to help us to keep the school functioning if there were to be a bad spate of severe weather.

In case of severe weather, therefore, please:

- Keep checking the school's website to find out up-to-date information
- Listen to Ridings FM which gives out frequently updated lists of schools that are closed during bad weather.

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If the school were to have to close a message will be left on the school answer machine by a member of staff. This will be updated regularly (**at least on a** daily basis while the bad weather persists).

Parents who have opted into the scheme will also be alerted to the closure using the CallParent service.

The decision to close the school either before or during the school day will be made by the Headteacher and the Chair of the IEB, and the school will **only** be closed if one or more of the following conditions apply:

1. Insufficient staff are able to come in to keep the school running safely.
2. Conditions on site are dangerous.
3. Conditions are considered to be or are anticipated to later become too hazardous for travel.

Rest assured, I 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 their uncertainty place very considerable difficulties upon parents. However parents are expected to check the website and/or make themselves aware of the radio broadcasts when it is clear that a closure is a possibility.

**Unless it is confirmed otherwise, school should be regarded as open and staff and pupils should arrive for school at the usual time or as soon as thereafter.**

If a situation arises where a significant number of staff predict that they will be unable to get in to school on time, school will send out a CallParent (text message) to inform parents to bring their children to the school hall where they will be supervised until the class teacher arrives at school.

Finally, please can we ask parents to ensure that children come to school in suitable footwear and clothing fitting of the cold/wet weather - they may change into their school shoes when they enter the school building. Please can parents also ensure that all children bring an outdoor coat to wear.

Thank you in anticipation of your understanding in this matter,

Yours faithfully

Trudie Southward  
Headteacher



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