

Introduction:

The purpose of this leaflet is to provide you, as a parent or carer with the necessary information about Winter Weather and School Closures.

Occasionally during the winter the weather causes significant problems. Where these problems occur they are usually due to the fall of snow, and in certain rare circumstances it becomes necessary to close the school. This is not a decision that is taken lightly and it is our policy to avoid closure unless it becomes impossible to open. Our record for remaining open in poor winter weather is far better than other local schools.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU WAKE UP TO HEAVY SNOW

1. Tune into Radio Lancashire.
2. Contact school by telephone (after 8 am).
3. Look at the school web site for a closure message.

Heavy snow creates two main problems for the school.

- it may be dangerous for children and parents to make the journey to school.
- most members of staff live well outside what would be a reasonable walking distance in heavy snow. Therefore there would not be enough staff to guarantee the safety and security of the children in school.

If the school is to close then Radio Lancashire will be informed and they will be asked to make an announcement on air (95.5FM 103.9FM, 104.5FM or 855MW). Please note that we have no control over when or if this message is put out by Radio Lancashire. There are a number of schools called Holy Trinity, so please listen carefully!!!

In addition, a sign will be put in the school yard confirming the decision.

A decision to close will usually be taken by the head teacher by 7.45 a.m. after consultation with the site supervisor or other colleagues living close to the school.

The decision cannot be left later than this because;

- It can take up to 45 minutes for Radio Lancashire to broadcast information they receive about a closure.
- An early decision gives parents sufficient time to make alternative arrangements for their children.

Please note that it is not unheard of for inaccurate rumours of the school's closure to spread by word of mouth!!

WHAT TO DO IF HEAVY SNOW OCCURS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

The school will remain open until 3.15 pm as usual. **We will not close the school once the school day has started and we will most certainly not send the children home unaccompanied before 3.15 pm.**

However, if the weather conditions deteriorate we would advise you to come to school during the day and collect your child if you wish.

In the event of a significant amount of snow falling during the day it is likely that all after-school clubs scheduled for that day would be cancelled. **If your child attends an after-school club on a day when snow is falling, please contact school to see if the club has been cancelled.**