



Catherine Junior School

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Adverse Weather Conditions

During the winter months, there are occasions when we experience adverse weather conditions. When we have snow and ice, it is always difficult to determine how this will affect travel etc so we ask that you follow the policy below if we experience any bad weather over the winter months.

If at all possible, **the school will remain open and staff will be here as normal**. However, due to road conditions, some staff may be late arriving and the start of the school day could be affected. We would ask, therefore, that children do not arrive on these days until 8.45am.

If you feel that a problem may arise from any adverse weather conditions, we ask that you listen to the local radio stations for information until you are ready to leave for school. You may also find it useful to refer to the BBC Radio Leicester website to check any school closures at www.bbc.co.uk/leicester

Radio Leicester only announces the schools that are closed; if the school is not mentioned it means that we are open. We always hope to be open as normal, however, we feel you should be aware of the situation to avoid confusion should severe weather conditions cause disruption.

The Policy at Catherine Junior School for adverse weather conditions is that:

At the start of the school day:

- The Headteacher, following advice obtained locally, will make a decision based on conditions at school and the surrounding roads and footpaths as to whether it is safe to open the school.
- To enable the school to open, it may be necessary to delay the start time and again these details would be given to parents via local radio.
- Parents are asked to note that it may not be possible for staff to answer the telephone and we would ask that you do not call before 8.45am. Listening to the local radio for details of any closure is the preferred method of communication.

During the school day:

- Once a decision has been made to open the school it will **not** close during the day.
- If the weather becomes severe during the day then parents may contact the school if they feel that they would like to collect their child early for safety reasons (i.e. travelling/walking long distances or collecting other children from local schools).
- If this is the case, parents will then be advised that children can be collected from 1.30pm onwards (i.e. after lunch)
- The school will remain open until 3.20pm; however, if parents are delayed due to the adverse weather conditions, they should contact the school as soon as possible to give an anticipated arrival time.
- Children will be supervised until a parent/carer is able to collect them.
- Parents must consider their own safety, traffic congestion and safety of others in these circumstances and understand that children at Catherine Junior School will be cared for until it is possible for them to be collected.

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