

Shelley First School



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As we approach that time of year when snow threatens I just wanted to remind parents of the arrangements that are in place in the event that we have to close school before or during the school day.

In the event of severe weather I, as Headteacher, will make an assessment about whether it is safe and practical to open the school to pupils. This includes meals provision and cleaning as well as safe adult to pupil ratios. The decision is based on factors affecting our school alone and other schools may make a different decision. Closing the school is not a decision I take lightly.

You will be informed by text early in the morning if the school is to close, usually by 7.00 am. If you do not hear anything from us, the school will be open. On occasion, it can take longer to make a decision as the ice is not always apparent and issues arise as staff are leaving home at around 7.00-7.30am. In these circumstances, we will respond as quickly as possible.

Should you wish to check reports of closure, you can do so by visiting either our school website www.shelleyfirstschool.co.uk or the council website www.kirklees.gov.uk/schoolclosures where you will find up-to-date information. You can also check on weather and gritting updates at www.kirklees.gov.uk/winter or follow them at twitter.com/Kirkleeswinter.

If we have to close school during the day we will inform you immediately via the text messaging service. We only decide to close the school during the day in exceptional circumstances where we are informed that roads are becoming dangerous and transport is encountering difficulties. Staff will remain with all children until such time as you, or someone delegated by you, can come and pick them up. It is important to note that if there is any variation to your normal collection arrangements please email the school office to notify us of these.

Please be assured that I only decide to close our school in exceptional circumstances where the safety of your child/ren is the primary concern. On occasion this may be due to the availability of teaching/support staff who travel some distance to reach school, rather than purely conditions for pupils getting to school. Fingers crossed for no snow or ice!

Many thanks

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