



WINTER WEATHER POLICY

Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed in full on an ongoing basis

The policy was last reviewed and agreed by the College of Teachers in September 2015

Mandate holders Steffi Cook and Nick Rayment

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The following actions will be put in place in case of severe winter weather: once we have ascertained that the buildings and the grounds are safe and accessible on foot we will keep the school open to anyone able to walk to school even if the roads are not deemed safe for driving. The school bus may not be able to get to the station so we would ask parents to use their discretion when sending their children in on such days as they may have to walk to and from school. Please check the weather independently before setting out.

We will always aim to keep the school open; only in exceptional circumstances, e.g. when heavy snowfall or severe weather are forecast for the afternoon or early evening, would we decide to close the school at lunchtime. This would always be a last resort and we will contact everyone by Parentmail and by text message.

All parents and staff should feel free to use their discretion in making decisions for themselves and their children regarding their safe return home.

As the expectation is that the school is always open for business we will not be sending out a Parentmail each morning if inclement weather persists; however, an update will always be placed on our website.

If we decide **in exceptional circumstances** to close the school altogether, we will send out a Parentmail by 7am that day and a text message to all parents whose mobile telephone number is registered with us (please keep the office updated with any changes to mobile numbers). We will also update our website www.rsskl.org by 7am at the latest.

During snowy weather, please make sure that your son/daughter brings warm clothing with them (including hats, scarves, gloves, a warm coat, and a complete change for the younger ones as they will want to play in the snow).

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