

St Anselm's Catholic Primary School Policy for Adverse Weather Conditions

The School may be unable to open for a variety of reasons, including:

- Inaccessibility of roads and/or the site due to very heavy snowfall or other adverse conditions
- Breakdown in the heating
- Frozen or burst pipes

The decision about whether the school should open will also take into account, for example:

- Advice from the police and other agencies about travel conditions and conditions around the school
- Advice from the local authority, as appropriate
- Access to the school site for pedestrians, drivers and emergency vehicles and safety of the site
- Availability of staff

The Headteacher and the Chair of Governors will make a decision based on local conditions as to whether it is safe to open the school. This decision will be made as early as possible. However, where possible, the school will remain open and staff will be in school as normal.

In the event of opening:

Parents and Staff will be notified by Teacher 2 Parents text to a mobile phone. Our web-site and the Council web-site will be up-dated as soon as a decision is made.

In the event of closure:

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A decision whether or not to open the next day will be made as early as possible, to give parents and staff time to get organised (children, work etc)

During the school day

- If the weather becomes severe during the day, parents may be advised to collect their child early for safety reasons (i.e. travelling/walking long distances or collecting other children from local schools). Children must be signed out at the school office.
- The school will remain open until 3.15pm, however, if parents are delayed due to the adverse weather conditions they should contact the school with an anticipated time of arrival or make alternative arrangements for their child/children to be collected.
- Parents must consider their own safety, traffic congestion and safety of staff in these circumstances.

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