



Egerton Primary School and Nursery

Weather Awareness Guidance Egerton Primary School

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Sun Awareness

During warmer weather school will adopt appropriate measures to control exposure to the sun for both staff and young people. Control measures may include, but are not limited to, the following:-

- Parents must dress their children in appropriate clothing that gives protection from the sun during the summer months. This would include an appropriate hat (that offers protection to the neck as well as face), long-sleeved loose-fitting tops and long trousers.
- Parents are encouraged to apply waterproof sunscreen which gives complete protection (of the highest factor available) to all exposed areas of the skin prior to sending young people to school and providing a supply for use during the day as necessary by the young person. **(For younger children or those who may struggle to apply sunscreen this should ideally be of the spray-type which staff can spray on and pupils can rub-in, thereby reducing the need for physical contact).**

This should be labelled with the young person's name and not shared with others.

- School may create shaded areas in the external parts of the school that can be used by pupils and staff during break times.
- School will try to plan external activities (e.g. short duration trips, external lessons and sports days / sporting activities) for times when the sun is likely to be at its lowest strength (and the temperature at its lowest) e.g. at the start of the day rather than late morning or in the afternoon.
- Giving consideration to postponing or cancelling events such as those above in periods of excessive sun and high temperatures.
- For off-site trips which are residential or last all day young people should be encouraged to bring and apply their own sunscreen and be reminded to do this at appropriate intervals.
- Parents must inform the school regarding this any health issues/concerns such as:
 - a) The child is fair skinned and prone to burning and
 - b) There is a family history of skin cancer especially melanomas.
- In extreme heat young people may remain indoors if no shade is available e.g. during breaks / lunchtime (assuming adequate supervision is available).
- Parents may be contacted to collect their children from school earlier, where health warnings have been issued and/or advised to do so by the council.
- Pupils and staff should have regular access to drinks, especially drinking water.

For further information on sun safety please follow the link below:

[Sunscreen and sun safety - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/sun-safety/)

Snow Procedures

When it snows parents can assume school will be open when it is safe to do so in all but the very worst conditions. If school cannot stay open, parents will be sent an email and a message will be put on to School Spider.

The following control measures may include, but are not limited to:

- Parents and staff should only attempt to travel to school if they are content the conditions are safe to do so. If a parent cannot get their child to school or the parent decides the conditions are not safe to travel, their child's absence will be authorised during the period of the snow policy.
- School cannot guarantee the usual start time to the day and will email a class at a time if/when it is safe for them to enter school with their full staff team.
- Children who arrive late to school during a snow policy period will not be recorded as being late.
- During extreme snow conditions there will be no before/after school club, as the school cannot guarantee staff cover.
- Parents must ensure their children are dressed for being in the snow as school will allow outdoor play as much as possible.
- Every measure will be taken to ensure the footpaths are cleared, however school is not able to guarantee all pathways will be gritted or cleared. If parents deem the school site unsafe they can decide whether or not to enter the school area or leave their children with the school.
- School may decide to email parents to pick up their child early if the weather deteriorates.

School will decide when the snow procedure comes into operation and when it ends; this will be announced on School Spider/ social media and by email. At the end of a snow procedure period, all the usual lateness and attendance rules will re-apply immediately.

In the event of SNOW – School Access Plan

The main gates will be open and a pathway through the school will be gritted or cleared so that pupils and parents can move safely to the relevant classroom doors. SLT will be on the playgrounds to monitor the paths as well as the Site Officer who will man the gates.

The staff car park will be gritted, but we urge all staff to still exercise caution when walking into and from school.

School gates will be monitored by staff from 8.35am until 8.50am then 3.10pm till 3.25pm during drop off and pick up times.

All pupils are encouraged to walk to school whenever possible. Any parents who need to drop off or pick up using a car are reminded that the school car park is for staff and visitors only not for parents. Thank you.

What can you do to help?

- All other cars travelling to school to use the parking spaces on the road opposite the school site.
- Warm clothing- gloves, hats, scarves, wellies and a change of shoes and clothes are needed when the weather is due to snow or has snowed or suitable hats in the sun.
- Use the main gates and stick to the paths that have been gritted, unless notified by the school office to come directly to the main doors.
- If you are a working parent or feel you may have a problem with a sudden earlier pick up, please could you put a back-up plan in place with another family member or parent and inform the school. This will allow staff to leave earlier for their safety if weather dictates.

Many thanks for your support in helping Egerton Primary School to remain open during periods of severe snow/ ice.

