



SCISSETT MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

At this time of year, schools begin to make plans for poor weather conditions and the potential of snow. Our number one priority is to keep school open, but we have to also ensure the safety of all members of our school community. This can sometimes lead to unavoidable school closures whilst the school site is made safe. I would like to remind you of our school procedures should snow cause disruption to the safe opening or running of our school.

In the event of a closure before school starts –

- A text message will be sent to all parents informing them that the school is closed. We will aim to send this by 7.45am at the very latest.
- Where possible, work will be provided online or via email. Pupils will not be disadvantaged should they not complete work provided. Given 'snow days' do not come along very often, we recognise pupils may want to play in the snow. This is fine by us.
- Live lessons will not be provided as many staff members may have their own children at home with them.
- In the event of a longer closure, this provision will be reviewed and adapted.

In the event of snow during the school day –

- We will monitor the situation carefully and provide parents with updates accordingly via text or email.
- In the event of heavy snow showers, we ask parents resist the urge to come and collect pupils immediately. If pupils are safe in school, it is sometimes better to wait for the snow to stop and for the roads to be cleared before travelling.
- Should a situation arise where we need to close the school during the school day, we will message parents with details about how we will manage the situation in order to ensure everybody gets home safely.
- Please avoid phoning the office at such times as colleagues will be busy helping with arrangements in school.
- Please complete this School Closure Form so that we are aware of your preference for your child should this rare situation occur - [School Closure During the School Day](#)
- If parents/Carers have completed the permission form, pupils allowed to walk home in the event of snow will be released from school. Parents/Carers will receive a message stating the time pupils left site.

Where school remains open on snowy days, we ask you remind your child about travelling safely to and from school. Please remind your child that vehicle stopping distances increase significantly on snowy roads and snow balls should not be thrown on the way to or from school. We also ask that pupils come dressed for the weather.

Thank you as always for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs G Senior
Head of School

