

# Rationale for Closing the School due to Snow

As winter progresses and the threat of snow grows, I would like to clarify the reasons as to why we may close the school or finish early due to snow.

We have a responsibility to consider the Health and Safety of students and staff at the school. As such we may close the school for the following reasons:

1. The health & safety of the students whilst travelling to school.
2. The health & safety of the staff whilst travelling to school. Many of our staff do not live locally and as such may experience some difficulty in getting to school, particularly if they live in more rural areas or their journey to school takes them through the higher and more exposed parts of the Wolds.
3. The health & safety of the students within school and/or the ability to deliver an education to the students. We may have to close the school if we do not have enough adults to sufficiently and safely staff the school and therefore provide an adequate education.
4. Occasionally, the bus and/or taxi companies may be unable to bring the students into school or may insist on early collections.

The decision to close the school is not one that is taken lightly. We are aware of the inconvenience this can cause. It will involve a number of discussions with senior staff at school, governors and external organisations, including bus and taxi companies.

We will try and make the decision as early as possible to try and minimise any disruption and inconvenience. **Our decisions will be dependent on the weather conditions at that specific time.**

There will be occasions when we do not get the decision right: there may be a thaw or the snow may come late and we have to close early. However, rest assured that at the time of the decision, it was what we believed to be correct. We would rather make a decisive and early decision and be proven wrong than delay and have difficulty getting the students home safely.

Parents will be informed by the following methods:

- School email
- School text services
- The school website
- The official school Twitter feed
- Local radio, in the first instance BBC Radio Lincolnshire

These are the only ways in which we will communicate to parents. Please do not rely on hearsay or Facebook. If you have any doubts, please check the above methods.