

# **Annan School**

## **Snow/Adverse Weather Policy**

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## **SNOW / ADVERSE WEATHER POLICY**

As a rural school where all staff and children need to travel to school, storms, ice and snow may cause hazardous conditions and prevent members of staff and children from coming in to school.

### **Our Decision**

We will always aim to keep the school open if possible, as we recognise the inconvenience of disruption to the normal school week.

**In case of overnight adverse weather we will make a decision by 7.30am** as to whether the school will be open. This will allow us time to assess the situation on the ground, to have heard from staff as to their ability to get to school and to take account of snow and other adverse weather conditions that is forecast at some later point in the day. Health and Safety considerations will inform our decision.

We may decide to keep the school closed after the snow or severe weather has cleared up, if conditions on the roads are still dangerous, particularly in the local area and the ability to get up the drive safely as there is no alternative parking outside the school grounds. We will also be advised if the radio news is to avoid unnecessary travel.

### **Keeping Parents informed**

If there has been overnight snow (or adverse weather conditions remain from the previous day), we advise parents not to set off for school without first checking that the school will be open.

**If the school is to be closed, we will send an email and post on Classlist to let parents know we are closed by 7.30am at the latest.** Information regarding the minibus service and breakfast club will be in the message.

**If the school is closed the main school gate will be closed, please do not attempt to drive up the school drive as this can cause compacting of the snow or ice.**

Once the school has been closed, **please check for an email or Classlist message each morning to check if the conditions at the school have improved sufficiently for it to reopen.**

**If the school is open and snow or severe weather is forecast during the day** please check for messages through the day.

We always aim for the children to play outside in the snow, so please make sure they are well dressed for very cold weather.

**If there is heavy snow or severe weather conditions during the day when the school is open** it may be necessary to close the school early and parents will be asked to collect children early.

**Please be alert for email or Classlists messages throughout the day.**