



SARUM HALL SCHOOL

SNOW POLICY

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INTRODUCTION

Sarum Hall School aims to remain open in the event of snow. We feel this is important for those parents who are relying on us to care for their children during term time. In the event of heavy snowfall, we cannot guarantee a normal school day.

If the school is to be closed as the result of snow, we will declare this a 'Snow Day' and we will send a text to inform parents as soon as possible, ideally before 7.30am; updates will follow by text and via email. If school is completely closed, work will be uploaded to Google Classroom.

In the event of disruption caused by heavy snow, the prime concern of the school will always be the safety of the pupils and staff. The decision whether or not to send a pupil to school, however, must be at the discretion of the parents, considering factors such as local road conditions and the availability of childcare.

There are certain factors which may lead to the school closing:

- there are enough members of staff to be able to provide satisfactory care;
- the severity of the weather conditions is on such a major scale that it is unlikely that many people will be able, physically, to make it into school;
- the school can provide lunch for the children;
- the school grounds are sufficiently safe for children, parents and staff;
- the school has sufficient heating and lighting;
- external agencies, e.g. Meteorological Office, police, local government, TfL and motoring organisations are advising against school travel in our region.

SOME LIKELY QUESTIONS:

• **DO I NEED TO CONTACT THE SCHOOL?**

There is no need to contact the school regarding your decision to travel or not; this will help avoid blocked phone lines.

• **SHOULD I TRAVEL TO SCHOOL?**

Parents have to decide whether it is safe and desirable for them to make the journey into school. If the school is open, and once we have established which pupils we have on site, we will construct a schedule for the day which will include, where possible, academic work and a range of activities aimed at making the day as productive as possible.

• **DOES IT MATTER WHAT TIME WE ARRIVE AT SCHOOL?**

No. We will expect children to arrive throughout the morning. However, it is important that children sign in and register if they arrive late.

• **WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF HEAVY SNOW ARRIVES DURING THE SCHOOL DAY?**

We may declare a 'Snow Day' resulting in the school closing earlier than usual. This would be communicated to you via text and subsequent emails. If you wish to collect your child(ren) from school before this time, you are welcome to do so, but please ensure they are signed out.

Anyone struggling to collect their child, due to poor road conditions, transport arrangements, etc, should contact the school to inform us of the likely collection time.

- **WHERE DO I GO TO COLLECT MY CHILD?**

Children should be collected via the school office.

- **WILL THERE BE AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES?**

There will be no after school activities or clubs. However, should you be delayed in collecting your child, please ring the school office to keep us informed. As always, we will look after the children until you are able to get here, but please remember that members of staff will be also be anxious to get home if the weather and road conditions are poor.

- **WILL MY DAUGHTER BE SET ACTIVITIES/WORK?**

Depending on whether your daughter is in school or at home, appropriate activities will be set by teachers which can be accessed through Google Classroom.