

THE PAVILION SNOW AND BAD WEATHER POLICY

In the event of disruption caused by heavy snow or bad weather the prime concern of the school must always be the safety of the pupils and staff.

The decision to close the school (or individual sites) will take account of the safety of all our pupils and staff, some of whom travel a great distance to school each day. We will always endeavour to open the school in the event of bad weather, as long as it is safe to do so.

If the school is open in snow or bad weather the decision as to whether or not to send a pupil to school, however, must be at the discretion of the parents, taking into account factors such as local road conditions and the availability of child-care.

In event of bad weather, parents should check whether the setting is open before travelling to the site.

There are a number of ways to confirm whether the school is open or closed.

- A message will be played on the school telephones (Meadway and Whetstone)
- A message will be uploaded on the school website
- Check list of school closures on the Barnet Local Authority Website.

If the school is closed, we will try and make a decision as early as possible, and will intend to reopen as soon as we can.

If the school does open, but extreme weather develops during the day, we will aim to remain open until the end of the normal school day. However this is not always possible when roads are becoming treacherous. In which case parents will be contacted via and asked to collect their children as soon as possible. Under these conditions we will take verbal permission for their child/children to be collected by a nominated adult. Normal lessons may be curtailed and the remaining pupils assembled in groups under the supervision of authorised members of staff to awaiting collection.

Staff will always make every reasonable effort to undertake the journey to school. It is appreciated that the journey may take longer than normal and therefore some staff may not be able to arrive before the normal start of the school day. It may also be necessary to ask all children to bring packed lunches if the kitchen staff are unable to reach school safely.

Where students are being taught in home and outreach settings, individual teachers will assess their ability to travel safely to the location of the teaching. Where travel is not advisable, teachers will telephone parents/carers of students to cancel lessons due to the adverse weather conditions. This similarly applies to staff who teach at Barnet General Hospital.