



Trinity & St. Michael's C.E. Methodist School
Severe Weather (Snow/Ice) Response Plan

Informing Parents and Staff

Parents will be informed **via ParentApp** should it prove necessary to implement alternative access arrangements or to close school.

School closure

The decision to close school in the event of very severe weather is made by the Headteacher in consultation with the Chair of Governors.

The main factors which would necessitate closure in the event of very severe weather would be school having insufficient staff available to supervise the children and/or it being impossible to ensure safe access across school premises.

Transport

Those commuting to the school e.g. parents, pupils, staff, visitors take responsibility for their own safety and wellbeing on the journey to and from school. As individual circumstances vary, it is understood that some may deem their particular journey to school to be too hazardous and make the decision not to attend. Staff are required to inform the Headteacher as soon as possible in the event that they are not going to be able to attend.

Outdoor Clothing

It is the responsibility of parents of children to ensure that suitable footwear and weatherproof outdoor clothing is worn for the journey to school. There will be an opportunity to change into indoor footwear on arrival. Children will also be able to change to outdoor footwear for break times.

Access to/egress from school

Is via the usual pathways unless indicated otherwise.

Clearing/Gritting/Salting

All gritting/clearing is confined to pathways within our site's boundaries.

The Site Supervisor will ensure that pathways are cleared and closed routes are effectively indicated.

It is reasonable for staff to assist in the clearing of pathways if requested, should the need for additional manpower arise.

It is the individual member of staff's responsibility to raise any issues which may prevent them assisting if so doing would compromise their health or well-being.

All staff are advised to bring appropriate clothing, especially suitable footwear.

On-going Monitoring

Pathways leading to main office will be monitored by the senior team to check condition at various periods during the day. It is understood that in the event of very severe weather it may not be possible to keep pathways constantly clear, and attention will be paid to peak times in the school day.

Pathways will be checked in good time by the site supervisor to ensure they are adequately cleared for the end of the school day.

Resources

The site supervisor ensures that adequate resources are available, e.g. grit/salt, shovels, spreader, trolley, cones, signage.

Evacuation Procedures

In the event of fire, the exit and assembly points remain the same unless notified otherwise. Extra care to be taken.

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