

NETHER GREEN JUNIOR SCHOOL

POLICY FOR
ADVERSE WEATHER



Nether Green Junior School

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Guidance for Adverse Weather

This guidance is written to clarify the schools position in the event of adverse/snowy weather so that you are clear about our expectations.

As a general rule, you can assume that Nether Green Junior School will be open, and remain open, regardless of the weather. We will do this in order to provide education for the children.

It may be that some of our staff who live a distance from the school, do have difficulty in reaching us on time for the start of the school day: if this happens, it will obviously result in some disruption to the normal timetable. Staff do, however, make every effort to be here on time and in recent times we have never had a class without a member of staff with them at the beginning of the day. You will also appreciate that it is difficult to have a normal day if there is a high rate of pupil absence.

It is helpful if you do not telephone school to find out if we are open as it ties up a member of staff to answer a constantly ringing phone at a time when we need to be planning and preparing for the day and ties up the phone from being used for other needs. If there is a decision not to open, this will be announced as early as possible on local radio, on the school website, on the council website and there will be a notice at the entrance to school. We will also email / text parents. If there is no announcement of closure parents/carers should assume school is open as normal.

Other than in very exceptional circumstances **School will not close during the course of the school day.** There will always be supervision of children until the end of the normal school day. We would never allow children to go home without parental consent

If possible it would be helpful if you do not collect your child early on a snowy day as it can be very disruptive taking children out of class as others want to join them! Please only consider this in exceptional circumstances and if you are unable to ensure your child is collected at the normal time.

If you normally collect your child from school and are unable to get here, then it is helpful if you can make arrangements with another parent/carer. Do contact school to let us know your plans if you need to do this. Equally, if you are going to be late, and are unable to make arrangements for someone else to come, please telephone to let us know and we will obviously provide safe accommodation inside the building until you arrive.

We do understand that some parents, especially those who do not live within easy walking distance, may feel that it is unsafe to try to get children to school. We also understand, if the weather is unusually extreme and it is impossible to walk you may decide to be at home with your child. In these situations, please make your own decision with the best interests of your child in mind. Whatever that decision is, we will be supportive. Please ring when the 9 o'clock rush is over or email school to let us know.

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In terms of children at play, we will do our best to enable the children to play in the snow if it is safe. The children are asked not to make slides on snow or ice in the playground. On some occasions when the weather is especially poor we may give the children the choice of going out if they have the appropriate clothing. We ask therefore that you ensure your child is appropriately dressed to play out in the snow (perhaps even provide a change of clothes!) and that they have waterproof footwear and a coat. Occasionally we may let the children out when there is ice on the playground and we will provide supervision and ask the children to be extra careful.

We hope that the children can enjoy the snow but that their education is not disrupted.