

## **Adverse Weather conditions**

It is our policy of the school to make every effort to remain open whenever possible as long as it is safe to do so. The decision to close the school either before or during the school day will be made by the Headmaster.

The school will only be closed if one or more of the following conditions apply:

- Conditions on site are dangerous
- Conditions are considered to be or are anticipated to later become too hazardous for travel
- A sufficient number of staff are unable to come in to keep the school running safely.

## **If the school is to close**

The closure will be recorded on the school website [www.theprep.org.uk](http://www.theprep.org.uk) and we will alert all parents to the closure using this method and a text messaging service / form reps. We will make all practicable efforts to keep parents informed as to the situation with the school during adverse weather conditions, as we appreciate that such conditions and the uncertainty places very considerable difficulties upon parents. However parents are expected to check the website and the school's social media to make sure they are receiving the latest information. Parents are also asked to check weather updates on the internet.

The school appreciates that during bad weather children may arrive later than normal; parents should endeavour to contact the school to let them know they are on their way if likely to be delayed. We also recognise there will be isolated instances where families are cut off, even where the clear majority of children can get into school. In such instances parents should inform the school of the circumstances of this exceptional situation.

In the event of the school having to close during the day due to unforeseen worsening weather or similar unforeseen circumstances, parents will be contacted by text message and a phone call either at home or work and asked to collect their children. Such an early release will only be contemplated in very extreme circumstances. All parents/carers are urged to ensure that mobile phones are always switched on and audible in case we are trying to contact you.

In the event of snow, pathways will be cleared and salted. Parents, children and visitors will be made aware that pathways, even where cleared, do remain dangerous.

Parents are responsible for ensuring children in their care are safe in the car park before and after school opening hours.

In the event of the school being closed owing to adverse weather conditions, "Snow Work" will be available on a dedicated page on the school's website. This can be found through a link on the website's news feed (this link will only be visible when activated by the website administrator). Work will be updated as required and will cover a range of age-appropriate subjects.