



***For every child to reach their potential and
'Live Life in all its Fullness.'***

Policy: Bad Weather

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Rationale:

Hindsford CE Primary School gives the highest importance to the safeguarding and welfare of children and staff. An important aspect of this is to ensure that our children, staff and parents/carers are able to travel to and from school safely.

Aim:

To outline the school's protocol and procedures when the weather becomes too extreme/dangerous for children to travel to and from school safely.

School Statement:

In the event of disruption caused by snow or bad weather the prime concern of the school must always be the safety of the pupils, parents/carers and staff. The decision to close the school will take account of the safety of all of these stakeholders, 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.

Procedures & Protocol:

If the school is open in snow or bad weather, direct paths to the school will be cleared by the school site manager so that parents/carers and pupils can access the school safely. During the day, all children will remain indoors and if the weather worsens throughout the day, the Headteacher (Deputy Head in her absence) will close the school early. In the event of this happening the following procedures will be followed:

- A message will be sent out via Facebook.
- A message will be sent out via Dojo
- A message will be added to the school website.
- The local authority will be contacted.
- If required, parents/carers will be called individually.

If the school is closed due to snow or bad weather this will be decided as early as possible before school starts with the following procedures being followed:

- A message will be placed on the school website.
- The local authority will be contacted and they will place the school's name on their list of school closures.
- A message will be sent out via Facebook
- A message will be sent out via Dojo
- A message will be placed on the school gate (If a member of staff is present on site)

After a school closure, parents/carers are advised to look on the school website/Facebook and check Dojo messages to see when the school is due to re-open.