

Holy Ghost Catholic Primary School



Emergency procedures in the event of heavy snow/adverse weather 2021

Policy details	
<i>Policy review</i>	Autumn 2021
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<i>Signature</i>	
<i>Date</i>	

“A child who is helped by another child is like a strong city”

It is the aim of the school to remain open unless extenuating circumstances prevent us from doing so.

The decision to stay open or to close the school is made by 8.00am and based on a thorough assessment of risks. The risks to consider are:

- the ability of staff and children to get into school safely
- the safety/conditions in the building, and footpaths on the approach to school given the weather
- the likelihood of weather becoming worse during the day
- the ability of staff and children to get home safely

Once this decision is made it can't be reversed, even if weather conditions improve.

Parents will, where possible, be advised of arrangements by text as early as possible. (It may be the case that the school would open by 10.00am).

Warning: For families and children in an emergency situation, we would like to offer help. However, the school may only be able to accept responsibility under health and safety requirements for a limited number – to a maximum number based on the risk assessment.

Management:

Staff who live within walking distance of the school are expected to come to school on time, ensuring that they take time to arrive safely.

Teachers and TAs to supervise classes. It may be necessary to split some classes, and distribute the children to another class.

Suggested activities if one teacher looking after two classes:

Games	Build a snowman
DVD	Reading
Drawing	Puzzles
Art	Writing
iPads	Create a display
Rota for playground	Rota for singing in hall

Other considerations

- Breaks for staff to be organised
- Safe organisation of all pupils at lunch-time to be ensured

Please see the Wandsworth Policy for "School Closures" which should be read in conjunction with this policy.