

Tuesday 7th January 2025

Potential School Closure Due to Adverse Weather

Dear parents and carers,

As we enter a period of potentially severe weather, I thought it would be useful to remind you all of our closure procedures.

As you will know, closing a school for the day has a big impact on pupils and parents and we would only do this in the most extreme circumstances. I am proud of the fact that it is a rarity for KMPS to close. However, there will be times where the weather is so extreme that either the site becomes unsafe, the heating is affected or we cannot get enough staff into school to safely supervise the children. Where this is the case, I will make the decision to close the school. We would appreciate it if you would use the following channels of communication that we will use to confirm our status, rather than phoning the school.

If we are going to close the school we will:

- Send you a message via MCAS (please ensure we have your latest details and that you are monitoring this carefully on those mornings)
- Put a notice on our school website
- Tweet a message out via our twitter feed @kmprimary
- Inform the local radio station – BBC Leicester 104.9

I thought you might also find it helpful to understand a little more about what goes into making the decision. When we are aware of bad weather, we will monitor weather forecasts and speak to staff members in the village to check on weather conditions and how it is affecting the roads (it is unlikely that we will decide the day before). I and others will then be up early the next day to check on updates and liaise with staff about their likelihood of getting into the school. Many of our staff travel big distances to get into school and I have to know that we will have enough staff in school in order to open safely. If this is in doubt, I would have to close the school. If we think we can open but a little later we would consider this too.

When making the decision to close or open, I will look to make this by 7:30 at the absolute latest (earlier if possible) and we will then get this information onto our website and messaging system straight away. It can take longer for it to be shown on local radio websites or to be announced.

Thanks for your support and I hope that we will be able to remain open throughout this period.

Yours Faithfully



Elliot Howles – Headteacher