



Inclement Weather

Emergency Procedures in Case of Severe Weather

At **Nateby Primary School**, we will make every reasonable effort to remain open during our normal school hours of **8.55am to 3.30pm**, even during periods of poor or severe weather.

The safety and wellbeing of our pupils, families and staff will always be our priority. Decisions about opening or closing the school will be based on the weather conditions, the safety of the school site and access to the school, and whether we have sufficient staff available to operate the school safely.

Snow and Ice

During periods of snow or icy conditions, we will assess the school grounds and access routes before the start of the school day.

Where the playground or usual entrance route is unsafe, we may:

- Grit or clear suitable access routes around the school.
- Direct pupils and families to an alternative entrance or route.
- Ask children to go directly into school rather than waiting on the playground.
- Put additional safety measures in place where necessary.

Parents and carers are asked to take extra care when approaching the school and to allow additional time for journeys during severe weather.

School Closure

If, due to severe weather or other related circumstances, we are unable to open the school safely, or are required to close during the school day, we will communicate this to parents and carers as soon as possible.

Information will be shared through our usual school communication channels, including:

- **School app/news feed**
- **School website**
- **School social media/Facebook page**, where appropriate
- Direct communication with families where necessary

If the school has to close during the school day, parents and carers will be contacted with arrangements for collecting their child.

Parents and carers are asked to ensure that their contact details are kept up to date and to check the school's communication channels during periods of severe weather.

Breakfast and After-School Provision

Breakfast Club and After-School Club will normally operate as usual when the school is open. However, provision may need to be cancelled if weather conditions make it unsafe for staff or children, or if we do not have sufficient staff available to operate the provision safely.

Where possible, parents and carers will be given as much notice as possible of any cancellation.

After-School Clubs and Activities

After-school clubs and activities will normally run as planned. However, we may need to cancel individual clubs where:

- Staff are unable to travel safely to school.
- We are unable to provide appropriate staffing or cover.
- Weather or site conditions present a health and safety concern.
- Travel conditions deteriorate during the school day.

Parents and carers will be notified as soon as possible if an activity needs to be cancelled.

Our Approach

We understand that school closures or changes to arrangements can be inconvenient for families and may cause difficulties with childcare and work commitments. However, any decision to close the school or alter our arrangements will be made with the **health, safety and wellbeing of our pupils and staff as our highest priority**.

We will always endeavour to keep the school open where it is safe and reasonably practicable to do so.

Parents and carers are also encouraged to use their own judgement when travelling to and from school in severe weather and to take appropriate precautions.

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Keeping our children, families and staff safe.