

Rainow Primary School...Severe Weather Plan

The staff make every effort to reach the school when the weather is bad, but there are occasions when, by virtue of the position of the village, the school is unable to open.

During the winter months, staff and parents are asked to keep up-to-date with weather warnings and be ready to act accordingly in case of snow or other severe weather.

Parents are asked to check emails / Arbor if in any doubt. Class WhatsApp groups will also be updated with the email information. Silk FM Radio 106.9 will also announce any school closures.

PLEASE AVOID RINGING THE SCHOOL BEFORE 9 a.m. AS THE LINES WILL BE BUSY ORGANISING STAFF.

A decision will be made as to whether the school will:

Decision	Scenario	What School Will Do	What You Need to Do
Open as usual	All roads and access to school deemed safe, weather is stable/improving and no further bad weather forecast.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email / Arbor / WhatsApp parents/carers by 7.15 a.m. (earlier if at all possible) with our decision and further instructions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check emails / Arbor / WhatsApp from 7.15 a.m. Drop children off as usual. Continue to check emails / Arbor / WhatsApp in case of any change in scenario.
Flexible opening	Main roads are passable and access to school deemed safe, weather is stable / improving and no further bad weather is forecast.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email / Arbor / WhatsApp parents/carers by 7.15 a.m. (earlier if at all possible) with our decision and further instructions. Keep registers open until at least 10 a.m. Monitor conditions closely in case of an unexpected deterioration. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check emails / Arbor / WhatsApp from 7.15 a.m. Drop children off as soon as you deem it safe to do so. Continue to check emails / Arbor / WhatsApp in case of any change in scenario.
Delayed opening	Although current conditions are bad, weather forecast suggests that weather will improve shortly.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email / Arbor / WhatsApp parents/carers by 7.15 a.m. (earlier if at all possible) with our decision and further instructions. Aim to open from 10 a.m. (up until 11 a.m. at which point we will close if no improvement). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check emails / Arbor / WhatsApp from 7.15 a.m. Drop children off as soon as you deem it safe to do so. Continue to check emails / Arbor / WhatsApp in case of any change in scenario.
Close	Access is difficult / impossible / dangerous and no sign of imminent easing in weather.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email / Arbor / WhatsApp parents/carers by 7.15 a.m. (earlier if at all possible, and ideally the night before) with our decision and further instructions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check emails / Arbor / WhatsApp from 7.15 a.m. Stay at home.
Closure within a school day	School has opened but weather conditions have deteriorated and we need to close early.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email / Arbor / WhatsApp parents/carers asap. With our decision and further instructions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check emails / Arbor / WhatsApp throughout the day and be prepared to organise collection for you child.

Breakfast Club / After School Club

Please check your emails / Arbor before you travel, for the latest news and instructions from our Breakfast and / or After School Clubs.

Never allow a child to travel to BSC alone / unsupervised.

Final Note

- **In the event of FLEXIBLE or DELAYED opening, parents are responsible for the supervision of their children.**
- **Please note that all the scenarios above are based on parental judgement as to whether or not it is safe to travel.**
- **If you are planning to keep your child off due to the weather, you must email the school office. If school is open, it will be classed as unauthorised unless your specific conditions make it unsafe / impossible to travel to school.**
- **We will never leave a child unsupervised while under our care (at least 2 adults will be on site and in charge).**