

Heald Place Primary School



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Snow & Bad Weather Policy

September 2023

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The prime concern for Heald Place Primary is the safety of the pupils and staff so in the event of heavy snow or severe weather conditions the following procedures will be followed:

In the event of bad weather we shall aim to make any decisions on the closure of the school by 9.30am. All children should make their way to school to arrive at the normal time.

The school will endeavour to keep parents and staff informed and updated on the situation regarding snow and bad weather which may have an impact on the opening or closing of the school.

We will endeavour to keep the school open during all weathers but if a heavy overnight or daytime snowfall results in potential problems for staff and pupils attending school or returning home at the end of the usual school day we may take a decision to cancel school for that day or part of the day until further notice.

□ In the event of such closure due to snow, we will inform parents by telephone, text, email and/or school website – or a combination of these. It is essential that you keep school up to date with your contact details. The school will inform Manchester City Council and also the local radio station Key 103 (103.0FM) who announce a list of school closures in the region

□ If the school is open but parents are concerned about travel due to snow the decision as to whether or not to send a pupil to school is at the discretion of the parents. Parents should follow the normal absence reporting procedures.

□ Members of staff are asked to make every effort to get to school although it is appreciated that in severe weather conditions some journeys may take longer than usual.

□ If the school is open during snowy weather we will aim to remain open until the end of the normal school day but if parents are concerned due to extreme weather during the day they are welcome to contact the school to discuss early collection.

□ In the event of the normal school timetable being suspended, a programme of activities will be organised for pupils who are still at school. Staff will be delegated to supervise these activities.

All staff and parents will be kept informed as to the expected date and or time that the school will reopen.

If the school remains open during snowy weather:

When school is open, all pupils are expected to attend. However, should you be unable to bring your child to school because of the weather conditions, please follow the normal absence reporting procedures.

It is always difficult to make the right decision due to the unpredictability of the weather; we will aim to do this as swiftly as we can. Please rest assured that any decisions taken will be based around ensuring that your children are kept as safe as possible.

Reminder:

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