

Thomas Russell Infants School

Snow and Bad Weather Policy

In the event of bad weather it is always the school's priority to remain open and as such staff will work to ensure that the site is both accessible and safe.

There are, however, rare instances where the school might not be able to open as normal as a result of severe weather. This would be if:

- not enough teaching staff can get into school
- the heating stops working
- hot meals cannot be served because of a problem with the kitchen.

In such instances, any changes to the usual opening arrangements will be communicated on the school website thomasrussellinfants.co.uk and the Staffordshire County Council website. The texting service will also be used by 7.45am to alert parents and carers to the closure.

If early closure due to weather conditions during the school day is deemed necessary, parents will be alerted by the texting service. Sufficient staff will remain at school to supervise until all pupils have been collected. We will also aim to post bulletins on local radio stations where possible.

Where no updates have been provided, parents should assume that the school is open as normal and do their best to ensure their child attends. It is up to individual parents and carers to decide if their journey to school is too hazardous to attempt and let the school know accordingly. The pupil's absence will then be marked according to guidelines set out in our Attendance Policy.

Given the event of bad weather the school advises all pupils, staff and visitors to wrap up warmly and wear sensible footwear.

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