

Snow Plan

In the event of an emergency school closure due to snow or inclement weather, the following procedures will be put in place:

In the event of snow or inclement weather overnight:

- A decision* will be made by 7:45 am in the morning, as to whether the school can open. This decision will be based on a risk assessment which considers the weather forecast for the rest of the day, the number of staff who are able to get to school to provide safe staff to pupil ratios and assessment of local routes and roads around the school and surrounding area.
- The outcome of the risk assessment will be communicated via text messages and the school's Facebook page **by 8:00 am** – www.thewymeringschool.com
- School will liaise with both Portsmouth and Hampshire Transport teams but if your child comes to school on transport and is not able to attend, please let both school and transport know as soon as you are able.
- School closures will also be notified on the Portsmouth County Council website - [School closures - Portsmouth City Council](#)
- If you do not have access to the website, school closures are generally announced on the local radio stations **Wave 105, Heart & BBC Radio Solent**. Please note that once there are too many schools closing, this service does cease.
- If school is open but circumstances where you live *prevent* you from being able to bring your child to school, it is expected that you will contact school. If conditions improve during the day, you will be expected to bring your child later on.
- It is possible that school dinners may not be able to be provided as lunches are delivered to the school. Whilst some food is always available at school it may be that children are not able to have a hot meal.

In the event of snow during the school day:

We will continually risk assess the school site and the surrounding area.

- If a decision is made to close the school, we will send a text asking parents to pick up the children.
- We ask that parents use their own social networks to text/phone as many friends as possible to make sure the message gets around as quickly as possible.
- We will continue to call parents until every child has been picked up.
- If the school has not yet announced a closure but your local circumstances make you concerned about your safety to travel, we ask that you make an informed judgment about picking up your child. We have no wish to put any of our families at risk.

Continued Learning – School Closure

Online learning will be made available via the internet and sent out to families on the morning of closure. In addition, children should use the time to read books and enjoy the snow.

Re-opening the School

This will be announced via the following routes:

- Facebook & the School website
- Text messaging
- PCC Website

Once we return to school there is every possibility that it will still be extremely cold outside. Please provide appropriate NAMED warm clothing and footwear for children when they return to school so they can be outside safely.

We appreciate last minute change can be hard for the children. Thank you for your patience and support.