

BAD WEATHER POLICY

During the winter months there are sometimes periods of very bad weather which can make it difficult to keep the school open. If we need to close the school due to adverse weather conditions the following procedures will be used to inform parents. We will always endeavour to stay open. However, for the safety of the children, we can only do so if sufficient staff can get in to school and if the school site is safe.

In the event that the school has to close, the information will be posted on the County Council website at www.buckscc.gov.uk . To find out if we are shut, click on school (on the left hand side under education), then school closures. This site will also tell you if the school is definitely open. There will be regular announcements on Mix 96 radio station. Please check our school website at www.westonturville.bucks.sch.uk as well, as we will post information there too. We will also text you if the school is closed. **Please ensure that you have updated your mobile phone number on Parentmail if you have changed it.**

With these methods of communication in place, there should be no need for you to telephone the school asking whether we will be open or closed. If you haven't heard it on the radio, seen it on a website or read a text we are open! We try to keep the phone lines free so would appreciate it if parents would not call.

Our **hot school meals** are cooked at Green Park. If we remain open during adverse weather, but the kitchen is closed, there will be no hot meals and all children will need packed lunches. We will use the website mentioned above and text messaging to let parents know if we are open but there are no lunches.

Should the school open but need to close earlier than 3.15pm, we will contact you via text, email or telephone. Please be assured that school closure will always be a last resort.

It is entirely the responsibility of the parent/carer to decide whether it is safe to travel to and from school in inclement weather and we respect the choices you make. As usual please inform the school by telephone, by email or in writing if your child will be absent from school.