



# THE PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

## **Snow and Bad Weather Protocol**

- The school will remain open unless it is judged a risk to health and safety to attempt the journey to school and/or the actual school site is inaccessible/unsafe.
- It is for parents to make a judgement whether it is safe for their children to leave home and set off for school.

## **Action by the School to Help You**

- During bad weather, especially when snow has fallen, the Headteacher will decide as early as possible in the morning whether the school is to open or remain closed. This detail will be posted on the school website and an email forwarded to all families who have provided an email address to the school. Local Radio (Radio Devon, Heart FM, The Voice FM) will be notified as promptly as possible.
- Weather conditions can vary from location to location – and a judgement made at 6:30am, whilst it is still dark, can appear very different by 10am, with sunlight and a thaw taking place! The school will do its best to arrive at the most appropriate decision upon which each family is then able to determine their most appropriate course of action too.
- The school will make an effort to keep all access routes and pathways as safe as possible.

## **Sudden Onset of Bad Weather (e.g. a blizzard) During the School Day**

- Please do not immediately phone the school as the phone lines rapidly become overwhelmed and no one can communicate.
- The school will post information as soon as possible on the school website and email details to parents.
- The school will also attempt to post on Facebook and our Twitter feed.

- Local Radio will be informed.
- It is often not advisable immediately to drive to school to collect children if the blizzard is at its height: the school monitors weather and road reports and will advise parents accordingly.
- Parents who do arrive to collect children must report to the school office please so that a register can be maintained of who has left for home and who remains in school.

At all times, please remain calm and measured so that your children remain safe and are helped to return home as rapidly and appropriately as possible.

My thanks.

***Mr G Roscoe***  
***Headteacher***

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