

18<sup>th</sup> November 2025

### **Arrangements for School Closure due to Heavy Snow**

Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to share our arrangements for school closure, if we are faced with heavy snow over the course of the winter! If it is snowy, it is most important that staff, parents and pupils get to school and home again safely and not take unnecessary risks on the roads. We are willing to be flexible with start times in hazardous conditions, for example, our staff may be able to get to school by 10am or we may be forced to close. We will therefore potentially need to make one of the following decisions:

- 1) Close school for the day for all pupils.
- 2) Open school at a later time in the morning, to enable staff who travel from outside Ripon to arrive in school safely to look after the children.
- 3) Open school for all pupils, but provide learning in mixed year groups, depending on the number of staff who can get into school.
- 4) In extreme weather, we may need to close school during the school day. We'll contact all parents via text and would appreciate it if you could collect your child at your earliest convenience, so that everyone can get home safely. We will keep children safe in school until you arrive.

If we do make the decision to close, we shall send a text message to all parents. It is therefore important that we have an up-to-date mobile telephone number for you. **We shall aim to do this by 7.15am on the day in question.** We will also put a message out on our Facebook page and for parents who use Buddies Breakfast Club, please be mindful that this facility may not be available at short notice.

Please note that we shall monitor the situation daily, and repeat the process each morning for longer periods of snowy weather, advising if school is to remain closed or re-open.

In all circumstances, please ensure that your child comes to school with appropriate clothing and footwear for the weather; wellies, warm coats, hats and scarves etc. so that they are equipped for playtimes. I hope this information is helpful. If you need to update your contact details, please send these by e-mail to **admin@moorside-pri.n-yorks.sch.uk** or by telephoning the School Office.

Best wishes,



**Mrs C Rowett**  
Headteacher