



# Brinsworth Whitehill Primary

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Dear Parent/Carer

## Weather Warning

I am sure you are all aware the MET office has issued an amber warning for snow for next week. When the local area experiences severe snow conditions or icy conditions Brinsworth Whitehill Primary School will aim to remain open as long as:

1. The site is safe to access
2. There is enough staff to safely supervise the children
3. Meals can be offered. This may include a cold alternative
4. A member of the leadership team is on site

The school will aim to stay open to ensure continuity of education and to ensure that families that do not have suitable childcare arrangements in place are not disadvantaged or financially penalised by a decision to close.

The decision to close the school can only be taken by the headteacher. Notification of closure will be through **parent texting service** and **local radio (Rother FM 96.1)** and the **school website** where possible. It is vital that parents read the messages themselves rather than rely on a verbal decision from others. Arrangements may be very specific and change from day to day.

Alternatives to closing the school may be late start, early finish or access for a restricted group of pupils.

When the site is snowy or icy a small number of designated access routes will be identified and kept clear and gritted, by the site manager. Please will you keep to the cleared paths. Thick snow may not be cleared as this can be safer than a cleared route that is frozen.

Last time it snowed, we had a wonderful snowman building competition and we will go out for playtimes, if I, in consultation with the site manager, deem it safe to do so. Please send suitable clothes and footwear for outdoor activities (coat, gloves, hat, wellies/snow boots). Pupils should also bring some changes of clothing, including socks.

For further information please see the 'snow plan' on the parent section of the school website.

Hopefully any changes in the weather will still allow us to continue in our school day in a safe and enjoyable environment.

Mrs A Lee