

Spaldwick Primary School

Snow Plan

In the event of bad weather, a plan of expectations will be initiated. We will aim to work together to ensure a safe environment is maintained for the Spaldwick community. Our aim is, that the school will remain open even when some poor road conditions exist. However, in the event of a heavy snowfall, we cannot guarantee that staff will be able to attend school and a decision to close or restrict school opening may have to be made.

School Closures

In the first instance, a safety inspection of the school grounds and the surrounding area will take place, this will inform any decisions. Should we have to close the school or implement the snow plan, you will be notified in the following ways:

- Parent text message (Please ensure we have an up to date mobile number)
- The school website - <http://www.spaldwickschool.org.uk/>
- Social media (Twitter @spalwickprima1 and Facebook)
- Cambridgeshire website - <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/>

The decision will be made by the Headteacher by 7:30am each day.

Please wait for updates from the school. Please do not keep calling.

If we experience heavy snowfall during the school day you may be asked to collect your child early. Where possible school transport will operate at an earlier time to ensure all children get home safely. Any changes to the end of the day arrangements will be communicated by telephone.

Restricted opening – school is open but some staff and pupils may be unable to attend due to weather conditions

Parents are asked to exercise extreme caution when bringing their children to school and walk around the school grounds with great care. We will do our best to clear pathways but this is not always possible. We will relax our normal high expectations of punctuality and **no child will receive a late mark.**

At the end of the day, children should be collected as usual but there will be no after school clubs or staff meetings. Parents who wish to collect their children early due to the road conditions may do so.

Other Information

Children should come to school in sensible outdoor footwear with a change of shoes for indoor use. They should wear their school uniform but have additional clothing for outdoor play including gloves, hats etc. Children will be allowed to play on the school field. Should there be a valid reason for your child not to go out please inform the school via an email to the class teacher.

Children will be asked to follow Snow Safety Rules whilst on the school premises, this will include no skidding or throwing ice.

Please only call the school to inform of absences. Staff will be busy administering the snow plan.

Please note that snow routes on school grounds will be cleared, salted and gritted but may ice over in extreme weather conditions. Everyone should, take care whilst on the school grounds and be aware that the school will not be liable for any injuries that occur.

We appreciate your patience in collecting your children if this plan needs to be put into place.

Paths outside the school grounds are not the responsibility of the school and will not be included in our path clearing operations. Should we have to close the school for more than one day, class teachers will provide work for the children on the school website.