

Atherstone & Bedworth Heath Nursery School and Teaching School

Bad Weather Policy



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Policy for Adverse Weather Conditions

It is the policy of the school to make every effort to remain open whenever possible.

The decision to close the school either before or during the school day will be made by the Head Teacher and takes into account the safety of children, parents and staff.

The school will only be closed if one or more of the following conditions apply:

- Insufficient staff are able to come in to keep the school running safely.
- Access to the site is considered dangerous.
- Conditions are considered to be or are anticipated to later become unreasonably hazardous for travel.

The school will also consider what actions other local schools are taking and why and advice from the Local Authority.

If the school is to close:

1. The closure will be recorded on the Warwickshire County Council Website by the Head Teacher or a member of the senior leadership team

This information will be displayed to the public via the schools directory on the WCC website: <http://info.warwickshire.gov.uk/cypf/schoolclosures.html>

And the media

- [Free Radio 97 & 102.9 FM](#) -
- [BBC Coventry & Warwickshire 94.8FM, 103.7 FM, 104 FM](#)

2. Free TEXT SERVICE

Parents who have opted into the Local Authority Scheme will be alerted to the closure using the My Text service activated by the Head Teacher once the closure has been logged with the County Council.

The school will make all practicable efforts to keep parents informed as to the situation with the school during adverse weather conditions, as we appreciate that such conditions and the uncertainty places very considerable difficulties upon parents.

However parents are expected to check the WCC Website website <http://info.warwickshire.gov.uk/cypf/schoolclosures.html> and make themselves aware of the radio broadcasts when it is clear that a closure is a possibility.

3. Social Media and School Websites

The information will also be displayed on:

Face Book page <https://en-gb.facebook.com/login/>

and also on our School Websites:

www.atherstonenurseryschool.com

www.bedworthheathnurseryschool.com

The school appreciates that during bad weather children may arrive later than normal; parents should endeavour to contact the school to advise they are on their way if likely to be delayed.

The school recognises there will be isolated instances where families are cut off, even where the clear majority of children can get into school. In such instances parents should inform the school of the circumstances of this.

Where the school is officially closed, all absence is counted as authorised absence. In the event of the school having to close during the day due to unforeseen worsening weather or similar unforeseen circumstances, parents will be contacted by phone either at home or work and asked to collect their child/ren.

In the event of snow some pathways will be cleared and salted. Parents, children and visitors will be made aware that pathways, even where cleared, do remain dangerous.

In icy conditions the caretaker will salt wide pathways as follows:

- from the front gate to the front door of the main School building and the Maples

Where necessary, essential pathways will be maintained as clear as possible throughout the day.

On school days where the school is closed to pupils, the pathway will still be maintained during snow and ice weather on a daily basis by the caretaker, so as to keep the pathways clear and prevent build up of ice and snow.

During significant adverse weather conditions, the Nursery Doors will be open from 8.50am for parents to bring their children inside.

In the Head Teacher's absence the senior teacher on site will assume responsibility for making all decisions relating to the Adverse Weather Policy.