



SEVERE WINTER WEATHER

Please keep in a safe place with easy access!

In the event of severe winter weather we will endeavour to keep the school open. In this case the following procedures have been put in place:-

PLEASE KEEP TO THE GRITTED PATHS

Weather variables & response actions:

Description: Snow has fallen and settled before the start of the school day.

If school is to open:

There will be no vehicular access to either school (Curtis Road is on an incline and is particularly difficult to negotiate in a car during snow and icy weather conditions). Only children and parents/carers who can walk to school should attempt to come in. As most children are within walking distance this should not be an issue. Children should wear warm clothing and sensible footwear i.e. wellies and have a spare pair of shoes for indoors.

Priority routes will be cleared and gritted

Pedestrians should walk using the path (not the road) between the schools or use the Bath Road gate.

Individual Year Group doors will be off limits as will the gate across the field. There will be no access to either school via the field, until/unless the path has been cleared.

Once on site only the gritted paths should be used.

Junior School children: should walk down the drive to the Junior office gate as the playground will be off limits. There will be a member of staff at the gate to direct children into school. No parents or Infant children will be given access to the school via this entrance.

Infant and Nursery School children:

Nursery are to enter the school as normal.

Reception should enter via the door in the Bath Rd gate playground and **not the Reception gate.**

Year 1 and 2 should enter via the main office entrance door.

If the school is to close:

Work will be set by your child's class teacher for children to complete during any school closure as below:

Nursery and Reception: Tapestry

KS1: Purplemash and My Maths

KS2: Google Classroom, and My Maths

Description: Snowfall during the school day

We may consider early dismissal if travel conditions deteriorate.

Further communication will be sent out before the end of the school day with a collection plan.

Description: Ice, Freezing rain, hard frost

Priority routes will be cleared and gritted

Once on site only the gritted paths should be used.

Pedestrians should walk using the path (not the road) between the schools.

Children and parents/carers to check what paths have been gritted as not all areas will be accessible. Please follow staff instructions regarding access.

We do understand that these procedures are inconvenient but ask that you adhere to them for the short time that they are in place for the health and safety of our school community – thank you.

Communication Plan

- The school website will be updated – www.calcotschools.co.uk
- You will be notified by Facebook/text/email/MCAS.
- A bulletin will be included on BBC Berkshire.
- The West Berkshire website will be updated:- www.westberks.gov.uk click on 'Schools' then 'School Closures'.
- The School telephone system will have a special recorded message if the schools are closed.

Snow Clearing Volunteers

We may need help in clearing paths before 7.00 a.m. Please complete the form below if you are able to help. Please return to the school office as soon as possible.

Thank you.



NAME: _____

CONTACT NO: _____

I confirm that I am fit to grit pathways and move snow:

SIGNATURE: _____

Please complete and return to the school office – thank you.