

# Adverse Weather Plan

Decisions about closing the school or sending pupils home early are always difficult to make. We check weather reports, get advice from the bus companies and try to assess what is happening elsewhere in the area. Bus companies must decide whether running vehicles on particular routes in snow and ice is too high a risk. Drivers are rarely available at times other than scheduled school runs. That is why schools often take their lead from the bus companies when deciding what to do.

## If the weather deteriorates during the day

- The school will be closed early only in extreme cases.
- The decision to close the school will be made by the Headteacher and other key staff.
- Any decision to close the school early will be passed on to staff and pupils as soon as possible.
- Parents will be informed via the school website and via Synergy. We will also post details on our social media (Facebook/Twitter).
- Pupils being collected from school or who wish to make other arrangements will be allowed to phone home for advice on what to do.
- Pupils who live nearby will be allowed to walk home, preferably in the company of other pupils who live near to each other.
- School will be kept open with staff on hand until the last pupil has left.

## Severe overnight weather

Once we have made the decision not to open the school (either the previous evening or very early on the same day), we will post this on our school website. **Please always refer to our school website in the first instance and for the most up to date information.** Remember that you might need to refresh the page. We will also post information on our social media.

Staff will receive a message via Synergy. Where possible, staff who manage peripatetic/supply staff etc should ensure they too are aware of the school closure.

## How parents can help

- Check the school website regularly for the most up to date information.
- Plan ahead with your child on what to do in a bad weather emergency.
- Only call the school if you really have to - calls in prevent calls out!
- Make sure we have your up-to-date contact details – including mobile phone number and email address.

## Contact/useful Details:

School Website: [www.moorpark.mp](http://www.moorpark.mp)

Facebook: @MoorParkHS

Twitter: @MoorParkTweets

School Email: [admin@moorpark.mp](mailto:admin@moorpark.mp)

School Telephone: 01772 795428