

GOLDINGTON GREEN ACADEMY



ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS POLICY

If at all possible the school will remain open and staff will be here as normal.

During the winter months there are occasions when we can experience adverse weather conditions. It is always very difficult when we have snow and ice to determine how this will affect travel etc. and we would ask that you follow the policy below if we experience any bad weather over the next few weeks. **We would ask that you listen to the local radio stations and check our school App and the Bedford Borough websites regularly, until you are ready to leave for school. We will also send a text message when a decision has been made to close the school.**

The Policy at Goldington Green Academy for adverse weather conditions is that:

At the start of the school day

- The Chair of Governors, Headteacher and School Business Manager will make a decision based on local conditions as to whether it is safe to open the school.
- A text message will be sent to parents by ASAP advising them as to whether or not the school is open.
- Listening to the local radio and or check the Borough website for details of any closure is the preferred method of communication.
- **Parents are asked to note that it may not be possible for staff to answer the telephone and we would ask that you do not call before 8.45am.**

During the school day

- Once a decision has been made to open the school it will **not** close during the day.
- If the weather becomes severe during the day then parents may contact the school if they feel that they would like to collect their child early for safety reasons (ie travelling/walking long distances or collecting other children from local schools).
- Parents will then be advised that children can be collected from 1.30pm onwards (ie after lunch).
- The school will remain open until 3.20pm, however, if parents are delayed due to adverse weather conditions then they should contact the school if possible to give an anticipated arrival time.
- Children will be supervised until a parent/carer is able to collect them.
- Parents must consider their own safety, traffic congestion and safety of others in these circumstances and understand that children at Goldington Green Academy will be cared for until it is possible for them to be collected.

We do hope this clarifies the policy for inclement weather at Goldington Green Academy and we would ask that you keep this letter for future reference throughout the winter months.

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