



Scantabout Primary School

Snow and Ice Plan

SNOW PROCEDURES

We are always prepared for the possibility of snow disruption during the winter and poor weather conditions.

Our key objective during the worst weather conditions is to open school on a site that is safe and adequately staffed. When we experience ice or snow our first priority is to assess whether we can make the site safe enough for adults and children.

Although we keep up-to-date with forecasts and weather warnings, some snow and ice conditions can be quite localised. What appears to be 'slushy' snow at school can be compacted very quickly on frozen ground when children are walking on it, or there may be severe snow around school but little where you live.

When there is a possibility that school may not be able to open we will assess the following criteria:

- Can the site be made safe?
- Will we have sufficient staff to meet safe and appropriate adult:child ratios?
- Can we provide meals at lunchtime?

When we are confident we have an adequate number of staff and accessibility to school is safe, we will open.

COMMUNICATION

We will text all parents via parentmail, as soon as we are able to access this, to let you know whether school is open or closed as soon as a decision has been made the decision.

Local radio stations will broadcast (and add to their website) a list of schools that are closed or partially closed. They will do this very quickly; this is the best way to check whether or not we are open or closed. Especially listen to Wave 105 for details.

Hampshire County Council website will also be updated with the latest news across the area. Their website address is www.hants.gov.uk

Rebecca's School Club will advise parents directly on their snow and ice arrangements.