



St Peter's C Of E Primary School

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Snow Procedure

In the event of disruption caused by heavy snow, the prime concern of the school will always be the safety of the pupils and staff. The decision whether or not to send a pupil to school, however, must be at the discretion of the parents, taking into account factors such as local road conditions and the availability of childcare.

The school aims to remain open in the event of snow. We feel this is important for those parents who are relying on us to care for their children in term time. In the event of heavy snowfall, we cannot guarantee a normal school day.

However, there are certain factors which may lead to the school closing, such as whether:

- there are enough members of staff to be able to provide satisfactory care;
- the severity of the weather conditions is on such a major scale that it is unlikely that many people will be able, physically, to make it into school;
- the school can provide lunch for the children;
- the school grounds are sufficiently safe for children, parents and staff;
- the school has sufficient heating;
- the school has lighting and hot water across the site;
- external agencies, e.g. police, local government, motoring organisations, etc. are advising against school travel in our region.

If, for the reasons outlined above, the safest or most expedient judgment is to close the school a '**Closure Day**' will be declared and we will post this on the school website and twitter feed as well as the Southwark website as soon as possible and normally by **8.00am** on the day as well as notifying you of this via text message by **7.45am**. *When checking the website regularly, remember to Ctrl + F5 to refresh for updates.*

WHERE THE SCHOOL REMAINS OPEN, THE SCHOOL DAY WILL END AT 2.30PM

If heavy snow arrives **during the school day** we may declare a '**Snow Day**' resulting in the school closing at 2.30pm. This will be communicated to you via the website, twitter feed and text message. If you wish to collect your child(ren) from school before this time, you are welcome to do so, but please ensure they are signed out. The series of frequently asked questions on the following pages should answer any queries you may have. **Head Teacher** Anne-Marie Bahlol **Deputy Head** Claudette Green **School Business Manager** Chanel Coley

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SNOW POLICY – FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Will parents be contacted in the event of snow?

Our website should be consulted regularly along with the school twitter feed (*remember to Ctrl + F5 to refresh for updates*). We will also text everyone to ensure a clear message is sent.

School Website: www.stpeterswalworth.co.uk/

Southwark website: http://www.2.southwark.gov.uk/news/200247/school_closures

Twitter: @StPetersSe17

Do I need to contact the School?

There is no need to contact the school regarding your decision to travel or not; this will help avoid blocked phone lines.

To travel to school or not?

Parents have to decide whether it is safe and desirable for them to make the journey into school. If the school is open, and once we have established which pupils we have on site, we will construct a schedule for the day which will include, where possible, relevant academic work - especially for those who may be preparing for exams – and a range of activities aimed at making the day as productive as possible.

Does it matter what time we arrive at school?

Reasonable allowances for lateness will be made due to travel disruptions. We will expect children to arrive throughout the morning. However, it is important that children sign in and register at the front office, or with the member of staff on duty. This will not be marked against pupil's punctuality record.

What will happen if heavy snow arrives during the school day?

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When should I collect my child?

School will close at 2.30pm on Snow Days in order to allow easier collection for parents. Parents are welcome to collect at an earlier time if this suits them but they must sign their child out. Anyone struggling to collect their child by 2.30pm due to poor road conditions, transport arrangements, etc., should contact the school to inform us of the likely collection time.

Where do I go to collect my child?

Parents should enter through the main entrance to collect children from the office. You must ensure that your child is signed out with the member of staff on duty.

Will there be after school activities?

There will be no after school activities, games, clubs or childcare. However, should you be delayed in collecting your child, please ring the school office to keep us informed. As always, we will look after the children until you are able to get here, but please remember that members of staff will be also be anxious to get home if the weather and road conditions are poor.

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