



Puddles Pre-school



Extreme Weather Guidance Reminder

Depending which weather forecast you look at, there is often a prediction for heavy snowfall – and sometimes they are accurate. At this time of year it is traditional to remind you about the procedures for letting you know whether the Schools are open or closed.

When the weather forecast for the following day(s) indicates that there may be heavy snow in our area, should the schools need to close, because of staff shortages or heating/water problems, or for other health and safety reasons, there will be an announcement on Spire FM (102 FM) or BBC Radio Wiltshire (103.5FM, 104.3FM, 104.9FM & DAB Digital Radio). You should also receive a text if we hold your current mobile number, and there will be a message telling you whether the Schools are closed on the homepage of each School's website www.harnham-jun.wilts.sch.uk or www.harnhaminfants.org.uk.

If the Schools have not been closed the day before because of adverse weather, and there is no message on the appropriate School's website, you should assume that it is open. If the school has been closed for an emergency of any sort, parents should tune into the radio stations named above, and check their websites and the Schools', to find out if the school will open the following day. Messages should be displayed on our websites - stating whether we are open or closed - from 7.45am onwards. If we close on a Friday, please check the websites and radio stations for open/closed messages on Monday, if you are in any doubt.

The responsibility of ensuring safe travel to and from school is a parental one. Parents who feel the route(s) to and from school is/are not safe have the right to communicate their concerns to the Headteacher – as a reason for non-attendance at school on a specific day.

If there is some snow, but the schools are able to remain open, please send your children in with a spare set of warm clothes that you don't mind them getting wet – so that the children may enjoy playing in the snow at break time(s) without either ruining their uniform or having to suffer wet clothing for the rest of the day.

We will try to keep the Schools open, and functioning as Schools, if at all possible – we rarely close for weather and snow-related days.

Yours sincerely

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Manager

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Headteacher