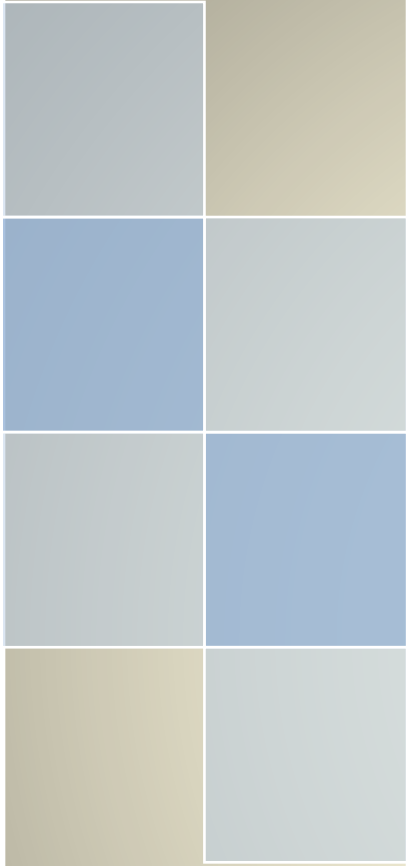




2016-17

Adverse Weather Policy

Moorthorpe Primary School





Adverse Weather Conditions Policy

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 I would ask that you follow the policy below if we experience any bad weather.

If at all possible the school will remain open and staff will be here as normal. However due to road conditions some staff may be late arriving and the start of the school day could be affected. We will leave the register open until 9.15am.

If a decision is made to close school (based on local weather conditions and having regard for the safety of all staff and pupils) the decision will be made before 7.30am by the headteacher and posted on the school website (www.moorthorpeprimary.co.uk), our twitter account (@moorthorpeps), school and PTA facebook page and staff will attempt to send a text message via text messenger to all parents (please ensure we have an up to date mobile telephone number)

We would also ask that you listen to the local radio stations, until you are ready to leave for school. The radio stations are Heart Radio / Ridings FM

The Council web pages include a section where schools can post their status:

www.wakefield.gov.uk: Current School Closures (updated daily)

At the start of the school day

- The Headteacher, following advice obtained locally, will make a decision based on conditions at school and the surrounding roads and footpaths as to whether it is safe to open the school.

During the school day

- Once a decision has been made to open the school it will not close during the day. (Please note if you use Breakfast Club, there may be instances when the decision has not yet been made, so you may be requested to collect your child)
- 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).
- The school will remain open until 3.00pm; however, if parents are delayed due to the adverse weather conditions, they should contact the school as soon as possible to give an anticipated arrival time.
- **After school club:** If the school is open a decision will be made before 1.30pm as to whether the after school club will operate. The school will notify parents by text/phone call if we have to cancel the after school club but this will be in extreme circumstances as staff running the after school club live locally and they are prepared to operate the after school club though this might not be for the full 2 hours and 15 mins. If conditions deteriorate after



3pm please try and collect your child/children (or have them collected) from after school club before 5pm.

We do hope this clarifies the policy for inclement weather at Moorthorpe Primary

School Signed:

Date: September 2016

This policy will be updated September 2017