

Berrycoombe Primary School



Newsletter

24th January 2019

What to do if there is heavy snow

We are aware of the enormous inconvenience to parents when the school has to close due to extreme weather conditions (for example heavy snow). In the event of heavy snow, the school will always try to provide a workable alternative to closing the school. Because there are a significant numbers of staff within walking distance of the school we will try to open with a reduced staff and offer alternative learning. In the event of heavy snow we will text you letting you know if –

- The school is closed (only in very extreme instances)
- The school is open with reduced staff (many staff cannot drive to work but there are enough staff to open)

If the school is closed it will also be announced on BBC Cornwall.

You can phone the school after 8:30am to check (please do not phone before as we will be using the phone line to coordinate staff for the day).- School number 01208 74969.

If we open with **reduced staff** it means many staff who normally come in by car (class teachers in most instances) are trapped at home BUT staff within walking distance will be opening the school to provide alternative learning. You can send your child into school on these days if you **need** to do so. Your child will be safe and warm and will be learning. In order to send your child in when we have a reduced staff please remember-

- The school is open with a reduced staff should the parents **need** it (this is an alternative to closing)
- Children will need appropriate outdoor clothes (they will be playing out)
- We will let you know in the text message if school dinners are available or if children need a packed lunch
- If conditions worsen parents need to be **certain** that they can return to collect their child.
- Parents need to be contactable during the course of the day.

These arrangements are only for very extreme conditions and should ensure that the school never has to close (unless conditions are so extreme that people cannot even walk into school) and parents can be confident that the school will be open in most instances.