



In the event of disruption due to severe weather conditions, or other events, for example the boiler breaking down, the school must always consider the safety of its pupils, staff and visitors. With this in mind, Greenfields Academy's responsibility is to ensure the school remains open, wherever possible, to avoid disruption to the education that pupils receive.

At Greenfields we recognise that snowfall can cause significant problems for pupils and staff travelling to school and also create a heightened risk to the school environment. These include:

- Hazardous pathways and road conditions
- Hazardous external areas of the school environment
- Disruption to pupil and public transport services

This directly impacts on the number of people who can safely travel to and from school and also the safety of all present on the school site throughout the day. If the hazardous conditions are deemed to be unsafe, a decision to close the school will be made.

### **Making a Decision**

Deciding to close the school is the responsibility of the Headteacher. A decision will be made after taking into account the following considerations:

- Weather/and or conditions that will impact the school environment
- Weather/and or conditions that will affect the safety of pupils/staff
- Advice from LCC transport and school transport providers
- Weather forecast and weather warnings

### **Communication**

Should the school need to close during the day, all parents/carers will be telephoned and pupil transport notified to collect at an earlier time. No pupil will be released from school unless contact has been made with the parent/carer.

In the case of bad weather, parents/carers and staff are advised to regularly check the school website and social media when snowfall is predicted. Additionally, we will contact Lincs FM and notification of our school closure will be listed on their website and broadcast over the radio.

### **If the school is open during bad weather**

In the event that a decision is made to keep the school open, all pupils and staff are to make every effort to attend. However, efforts should not jeopardise safety. In the event of an absence due to adverse weather conditions, all parents/carers and staff should follow the normal reporting procedure.

## Greenfields Academy **School Closure Policy**

Pupils will be allowed outside in the snow at playtimes if deemed safe to do so. Pupils are not permitted to throw snow.

If throughout the day, the weather changes or is forecasted to change a decision may be made to close the school. If this happens, all parents/carers will be telephoned and pupil transport notified to collect at an earlier time. No pupil will be released from school unless contact has been made with the parent/carer.

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