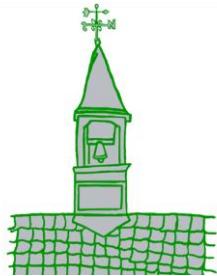




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Friday 7th November 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

This feels like a strange weekly email to send due to the relatively warm start to this half term, however, we are now heading into winter and the unpredictable weather patterns. With that in mind, please can you remember to send children with waterproof coats each day – we do still try to get them outside for breaktimes when possible – drizzle, cold and wind won't stop us, just heavy rain.

The following are our plans if snow hits us.

Winter Weather/Snow plans

Whilst our aim is to remain open, I do have to consider:

- safety of the site (after considering how to make it as safe as possible)
- the weather forecast during the day
- what staff I have available (and which staff are struggling to safely get in)
- do we have suitable leadership and safeguarding staff on-site

Following a risk assessment, I will then decide if we are able to:

- open as normal
- delay opening (open a bit later)
- open but close earlier (due to the forecast)
- close the school/s

I have to gather a lot of information to make these decisions. Sometimes I will be able to do it the night before and inform you, sometimes it is on the morning – if this is the case, I would try to make the decision by 7:15am.

A decision to do anything, other than 'open as normal', will be sent to you by email & In-app message from Arbor, we would also put the information on the Norfolk School Closures website and any school linked Facebook sites.

It is rare for a weather event to close a school; it is more common for heating or water issues to be the reason. It might feel like snow closes us every year but this is not the case, the last time snow forced the closure of either school was in February 2021. Fingers crossed it won't happen this year.

I hope you have a good weekend,

Adam Mason