

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wintry/Significant Weather Reminders.

It is always useful at this time of year to take a moment and consider how we can best prepare ourselves for significant weather events. It appears from the weather forecast that some significant wintry weather is likely to cause disruption over the weekend. This could well impact on the start of the new working week.

The staff travel from far and wide and can experience different conditions to those found locally in Werrington village. The school will be OPEN UNLESS YOU ARE INFORMED OTHERWISE. Below you will find sources of reliable information that will assist you in keeping up to date regarding school closures. WPS will always endeavour to open and remain open. The necessary procedures will be put in place to ensure your child remains safe. We fully appreciate that any disruption to the continuity of service will cause you difficulties. It could be that the circumstances do not allow the safe operation of the school site and an early decision will be communicated if the school is unable to open.

1. Clothing: Please ensure that your child has appropriate winter apparel including coat, hat, gloves etc ALL NAMED, which really does help reunite garment and owner.
2. Footwear: You may decide that Wellington boots or snow boots (ALL NAMED) are more appropriate footwear for getting to school. Please ensure your child has their school shoes for inside use. We do enjoy going out in the snow at school (if there is enough to be safe), however children must have appropriate footwear and they will not be allowed out on the field unless they have boots/outdoor shoes to change into.
3. Footpaths and the school site: We have established good levels of rock salt/grit since last winter, which will be used appropriately in pedestrian areas. However, conditions may require School to limit the number of pedestrian access points onto site. Please do watch out for signs/cones that will direct you safely into school. Do take care on untreated pathways in and around the village.
4. Radio Alerts: Please do listen out on Heart (102.7), BBC Radio Cambridgeshire for local school closure announcements. Urgent Communication: The school website will be a source of information as the latest Twitter feeds directly to the landing page (please keep refreshing your web browser as an update may well have been published and will only appear if the page has been refreshed), which we will use again this year as well as ParentMail alert. This email/text alert service has been available for some time and we urge all Parents/Carers to sign up for this via the school office. Twitter is a very fast and efficient way of issuing a news update and we will be using Twitter again this year. To follow school use: @WPS_school . We kindly ask that the school telephone number is not used to check if the school is open. We will use the above methods of communication to inform you if the school is CLOSED but will not broadcast that the school is open – please carry on as normal and we will welcome you into school (unless you hear otherwise).

Thank you very much for your consideration with regard to all of the above. It is inevitable that with the current forecast we are all keeping abreast of developments. As always we must all take care and allow extra time to get ready and make our journeys to school. I do wish everyone well in this regard.

Thank you for your kind attention,

Ben Wilding

Headteacher

