



SNOW PLAN

To be reviewed Autumn 2019

Snow Plan

Information for Parents & Carers

Aim of the plan

This plan covers the contingencies made for a heavy snowfall which may result in **enforced school closure** or **partial opening**.

This plan aims to prevent:

1. The stranding of pupils and staff
2. Unnecessary risks travelling to and from school through good communication
3. Excessive impact on children's education
4. Accidents in the school through good risk assessment

Policy

It is policy that the school will open on all normal school days even when some poor road conditions exist. However, in the event of a heavy snowfall, we cannot guarantee that staff will be able to attend school and a decision to close or restrict school opening may have to be made. The decision is not taken lightly, but is taken with the safety of children and staff in mind.

If the school is closed, a member of staff (where possible) will be available at school to ensure that messages and communication are maintained for the first few hours of closure. We will not be able to look after any children.

If the school has to be closed during the day, children will be looked after until they can be collected.

Full Closure:

If the weather conditions are severe enough to force closure of the school, this decision will be taken by 7.30am by the Headteacher and will be communicated to parents by the following means:

- Via the school website (www.yerbury.islington.sch.uk)
- School email messaging service to all parents/carers.

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Partial Closure:

Where school is open but only partially, it will be declared by the Headteacher at 7.30am and will be communicated to parents by the following means:

- Via the school website (www.yerbury.islington.sch.uk)
- School email messaging service to all parents/carers

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Only certain year groups may be able to attend.

Parents are asked to exercise caution when bringing their children to school. We will do our best to remove all snow and ice, but this is not always possible.

In the event of a partial closure there will be no Breakfast Club and, at the end of the day, the children should be collected at 3.30pm as there will be no after-school clubs. Parents who wish to collect their children early may do so.

On such days, children's access to the school playground and outdoor areas may be restricted.

Parents are reminded to ensure their children have warm clothes and suitable footwear. You may be asked to provide your children with a packed lunch. This will be communicated via email/ on the website.

In the event of your child's class being open but you are unable to bring them in, please email the school on admin@yerbury.islington.sch.uk to let us know.

If you decide not to travel to school because of the road conditions, please let us know so that we know the children are safe. Please send an email to admin@yerbury.islington.sch.uk. Please refrain from phoning the school if possible.

If you are having difficulty collecting your child, please arrange for another person to collect your child and notify us by email.

Unless otherwise informed by parents / carers, Year 5 and Year 6 children who have permission to go home alone, will be allowed to do so at the end of the school day.

Early closure of the school:

If the weather conditions change rapidly during the day we may have to close the school early. This will be communicated by the following means:

- Via the school website (www.yerbury.islington.sch.uk)
- School email messaging service to all parents/carers

In this circumstance, you will be required to collect your child early. If you yourself have difficulty collecting your child, please arrange for another person to collect your child and notify us by email.

Thank you for your support and understanding.