

King's Furlong Schools

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Dear Parents and Carers

Snow Plan 2017-2018

We would like to be as prepared as possible in the event of heavy snowfall this winter (please be aware schools will be open as normal in the event of light snowfall). We are keen to inform parents of our plans so that you know what we intend to do, and what you should do, should there be heavy snowfall overnight during the coming weeks and months.

Both schools will make every effort to open and will text all parents/carers to let you know of our intentions, as early as we can. Please make sure the contact details we hold for you are up-to-date. Our websites will be updated regularly but in the first instance please log on to <http://www.hants.gov.uk/schoolclosures> where you will find details of all emergency closures. Information will also be available on BBC Radio Berkshire, BBC Radio Solent, Bizz Basingstoke, Heart Thames Valley and The Breeze FM.

The school opening times will be clarified by text message. It may be necessary to shorten the day (e.g. 10.00 am until 2.30 pm). This will give staff that can the chance to walk to school and be in a position to receive children in the morning. Breakfast club and after school clubs may be cancelled. We will aim to provide your child with a hot lunch but depending on deliveries to the kitchen it may not always be possible, however, a cold lunch option will always be available. We will inform you of our end of day arrangements as the day progresses. This may involve collecting your child/ren early (e.g. 2.30 pm) to allow staff to collect their own children and give them the time to walk home safely in daylight.

We cannot guarantee that pathways into school will be clear or safe so please take great care when walking on the school site. **This year the Junior school gate leading on to the playground will remain locked during snowy weather. Entry to the Junior school will therefore be via the Infant School gate further up the hill, or from Upper Chestnut Drive.** Please avoid driving whenever possible and in particular along Portacre Rise and Upper Chestnut Drive. Please use your own best judgement as to whether it is safe for you and your children to attempt to come to school. For your child's comfort, please consider sending in a change of footwear/socks/tights. We do request that you still inform us, as usual, of any absences from school.

In the event that there is bad weather when the school is in session, parents/carers will be informed by text message of their responsibility to collect their child/ren promptly at the agreed time. Please ensure you have your own back-up plan to support our emergency procedures so that school staff can make their way home safely - we cannot look after children indefinitely when the weather is bad.

After the events of past winters we hope we have covered every contingency! Please do get in touch if you think you can be of support during bad winter weather.

T Noel
Acting Head Teacher

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Head Teacher