

Bad Weather Statement

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The College of Teachers' decision is that the school will be closed for the day if the road from Castleton to Botton is known to be impassable or if too few teachers feel able to travel in for the school to work effectively. A message about school closure will be placed on the 206 answer phone as soon as possible.

If there is no message on a snowy or icy day, you should assume that teachers are making every effort to get in. School may begin a little later than usual.

There may also be occasions when the school is closed as a result of a consensus within the school that road conditions in general are becoming too dangerous for safe travel, but the fact that the school remains open should not be taken as an indication that the school considers that driving conditions are safe.

As local weather conditions are so variable it is impossible for the school to give advice on road conditions that would help families planning journeys from a distance. You should make your own decision about whether or not to travel, based on your local situation, and make the paramount consideration your, and your child's, safety.

If the teachers feel that children should be sent home early because of the weather, the school will telephone you in advance.

As this is often a difficult decision to make, you should feel free to remove your child from school early if you are anxious about weather conditions.

Endorsement:

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