



ALINGTON & BERGH APTON

Church of England VA Primary School

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Dear Parents

Bad Weather - Emergency School Closure



The forecast for next week is predicting freezing temperatures with the possibility of snow! Now may be a good time to remind you of our emergency school closure procedures due to adverse weather conditions!

If there is a significant snowfall the children will be allowed out to play in the snow as long as they have appropriate footwear i.e. wellies, boots etc. and their normal shoes to change into when they come in. Pupils without suitable footwear will have to stay indoors as they get very miserable with wet, cold feet. Thank you for ensuring your child has a warm coat, hat, scarf, gloves etc. It is a good idea to make sure these items are named. We do help the younger children on with their winter clothing.

As we no longer employ a caretaker I urge all parents and children to take care when approaching the school and crossing the playground if you arrive before we have time to lay down salt.

In the unlikely case of really bad weather forcing us to take the decision to close the school, we will inform parents via the following website:

www.alington.norfolk.sch.uk

www.schoolclosures.norfolk.gov.uk

School closures are also announced on Radio Norfolk and Broadland Radio.

Decisions about school closure are always very difficult. For the school the main factor is whether the staff can travel safely from home. If the school is open but you feel unable to travel for safety reasons then please ring in your child's absence in the usual way.

If road conditions deteriorated during the course of a school day and you live/work outside Alington you would need to decide whether you should pick your child up earlier than 3pm. You will probably be the best judge of the road conditions between home/work and school.

Our lunches are provided by St Mary's Junior School, Long Stratton. Local road/weather conditions might mean our meals cannot be transported. We do have provision in school to provide a few meals (fish fingers, chips and beans) but not enough to feed all the children who usually stay for lunch. It may be prudent, if the weather forecast is predicating snow, you provide your child with a packed lunch.

Yours sincerely

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