

ST HUGH'S SCHOOL



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Snow and Ice

Dear All,

I want to take this opportunity to tell you of what will happen if driving conditions become dangerous due to snow or freezing roads, if wintry weather is forecast.

School Closure

Closing the school is very much a last resort and will only be done if there are real concerns for the safety of school staff and pupils.

Home-School Transport

The school has no control over the home-school transport arrangements. It is down to the individual drivers who know the roads best to make a decision about whether it is safe to make the home-to-school journey. This means that some or all home-school transport vehicles may not operate when the driving conditions pose significant risks.

Information for Parents

If heavy snow or freezing conditions are predicted in local weather forecasts, be prepared for there to be problems.

The home-school transport providers will try to inform parents and carers when the decision has been made that transport is not available. However, it may not be possible to contact all parents and carers before the time that their child is normally picked up.

Any notifications of school closures are broadcast on regular radio bulletins on Lincs FM 102.2 (97.6FM in Scunthorpe) or Radio Humberside (95.9FM, 1485AM) and will report closures. School will also endeavour to use the school texting/email system to provide a notification of closure. Please also monitor the school website, facebook and twitter feeds for notifications as well.

You can also ring the school to check whether it will be open **but do not ring before 9.30am**

In the event of worsening weather it may be safest for the children to go home early. The school and the home-school transport providers will endeavour to contact parents and carers before taking children home early.

School Staff

Staff will come to school unless their journey would be hazardous. It is down to the individual staff members to make that decision. More than half of the staff live more than two or three miles from the school (i.e. a reasonable walking



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distance) and may not be able to come in when the driving conditions are poor. If staff live within 3 miles of school it is expected they will walk.

If there are not enough staff available, the school will have to close.

Transporting Your Own Child

Do not assume that the school will be open and bring your child to school. It is best to ring the school after 9.30 to check whether there are enough staff for the school to open.

If you bring your child to school and the home-school transport is not operating, you must be prepared to take your child home at the end of the school day or earlier if the weather worsens.

Emergency Contact Number

Please ensure that the school and the home-school transport people have your current phone number.

Please ensure that you have relatives or friends on standby to help you out if the school has to close.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely

J Kenyon
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