



Dear Parents,

SNOW PROCEDURES

Here is a reminder of the procedures that you are requested to follow in the event of any snow during the next few days and weeks. Parents are responsible for ensuring that they follow these procedures:

In the event of significant snow overnight:-

IMPORTANT - DO NOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES DROP CHILDREN OFF AT SCHOOL WITHOUT FIRST ENSURING THAT THE SCHOOL IS DEFINITELY OPEN. Remember that there may be some staff on the premises e.g. Site Supervisor, but no-one to supervise your child. If school is open as usual, office staff will be able to take any telephone calls from 8:00am onwards. Please make sure that your child comes to school wearing a warm coat / hat / gloves. A pair of wellies is recommended for your child to change into so that they can enjoy having a play outside in the snow with their classmates!

In the event of **very severe and significant** snowfall a decision may be made to close the school and:-

Parents who are the first contact in SIMS will be sent a text using our text messaging service. Texts will only be sent if school is closed – not if school is to remain open.

Please ensure that you have informed school of any change to mobile telephone numbers.

- **A closure notice will be posted on our school website in the news feed section.**
- Schools are able to update the county council's web site in real time. Parents should therefore access <http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures> for the most up-to-date information. The website can also be accessed via smartphones.
- Local Radio Stations will gather their information from the above website. Please listen to Free Radio (formerly Beacon Radio), Heart FM, WM or BRMB who will all make announcements about School Closures.

I intend to keep school open whenever possible except under extreme conditions. This would occur if the majority of staff are unable to make the journey into school resulting in inadequate levels of pupil supervision.

If school is closed, parents who have to leave home early in the morning are then advised to make suitable arrangements for their child's supervision at a relative's, friend's or neighbour's house.

In the event of snow during the school day:-

School will remain open as usual and children should be collected at the normal time. However, if parents/carers did wish to collect their children early, they must "sign out" on a class register before taking them out of school.

Radio stations will continue to make announcements, throughout the day, for schools that make a decision to close completely during the day on health and safety grounds.

Send and Dyslexia Friendly Schools' Policy Statement

At St. Nicholas First School, all pupils are valued equally. Teachers plan lessons which enable all pupils to participate, achieve and excel, whatever their level of ability. Lessons provide opportunities for pupils to recognise and develop their

own learning style, (auditory, visual or kinaesthetic), through varied and flexible provision across a broad and balanced curriculum.

In order to meet the needs of all our pupils, we hold the Schools' Dyslexia Friendly, Level 1 Award and are actively working towards Dyslexia Friendly Schools' Full Status.

As a school, we believe that a Dyslexia Friendly environment and teaching styles will benefit the learning of all pupils and not just those with dyslexic tendencies. Strategies that are good for the dyslexic learner are good for everyone.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

