



Shirley Manor Primary Academy

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Adverse Weather Conditions Policy

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Introduction

The school will make every effort to remain open whenever possible.

The decision to close the school will be made by the Head Teacher. The school will only be closed if one or more of the following conditions apply.

1. Insufficient staff are able to come in to keep the school running safely.
2. Conditions on/around the school site are dangerous.
3. Conditions are considered to be or are anticipated to later become too hazardous to travel.

In the Event of Heavy Snow Before the School Day Starts

Parents

When school closure is a possibility, parents should find out whether the school is open by:-

- Checking schools website www.shirleymanor.co.uk or <https://bso.bradford.gov.uk/Schools/Home.aspx#schoolclosures> to see if Shirley Manor Primary Academy is in the list of the schools that are closed.
- Listening to Pulse radio and Heart (96.6 FM).
- A message will be posted on Dojo.

If it is decided that the school will open, but the road conditions are difficult, parents should ring the school to advise that they are likely to be late.

If parents assume that the school is closed, but it is actually open, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised unless the Head Teacher is satisfied that there are exceptional circumstances.

The School

The Head Teacher will decide whether the school will open, taking into account the conditions at the school, the conditions on Shirley Manor Estate and the ability of staff to get there.

If the Head Teacher decides the school will close she will update the Bradford Schools Online website accordingly and send a text message to staff and parents advising them of the closure.

It is important for Parents to undertake the actions above in case the text system is slow due to the number of schools trying to use it.

The school fully appreciates that in bad weather children may arrive later than usual.

If there are adverse weather conditions in the morning the Head Teacher can allow parents to bring their children into the main hall to wait for school to begin at 8.45am.

Whilst waiting in the hall all parents must supervise their own children.

Exceptional Circumstances

Shirley Manor recognises that there may be cases where families are "cut off" due to particular difficulties in the area in which they live.

In such cases parents should advise the Head Teacher of their particular circumstances so she can justify to the Local Authority why the absence should be authorised.

In the Event of Heavy Snowfall during the School Day

If there is heavy snowfall during the school day the Head Teacher will decide whether it is necessary to close the school early.

A text and/or Dojo message will be sent to parents or the Office will contact parents directly and ask that they pick their child/children up from school as soon as possible.

Staff who live furthest from the school will be permitted to leave at the earliest opportunity.

A skeleton staff will remain in school until all of the children have been collected.

If a parent rings requesting they pick their child up early due to the weather, and the decision has not been made to close the school, these requests will be considered on an individual basis by the Head Teacher.