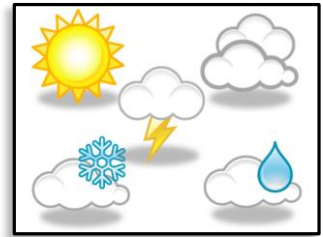


# Howard Headlines:

## Weather Watch:

In the event of extreme weather circumstances including snow, the school will endeavour to remain open if at all possible. Each school has to make its own decision on whether to remain open or to close. This decision will be based on a number of factors including:

- Weather at the location;
- Local road conditions;
- A health and safety assessment;
- Whether enough staff are able to travel into school safely;
- The ability to provide lunch;
- Any other specific circumstances related to the safety of pupils and staff.



Staff and parents/carers will be informed as soon as possible about whether school is able to open or not – this will usually be by 8am. The texting service can be unreliable when all schools are trying to access it so it will be as soon as possible.

The caretaker will grit steps and ramps and where possible he will also try to clear a path. Dering Place and Warham Road are usually not gritted and can be treacherous in icy conditions so please take extra care if driving along them and when walking along their pavements.

On mornings when there is heavy snow, or travelling conditions are hazardous, the register closing time will be 9.30am. We will of course take into consideration the travelling distance of each pupil however if a child arrives after 9.30am it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence.

Should there be extremely heavy snowfall during the day, or travel conditions worsen, parents may be invited to collect their children from 2.00pm. In this case all after school clubs will be cancelled. Parents or children who attend Sherwood Early Years Centre should contact them directly.

In the unlikely event that the school is closed for a day or more, work will be provided for each class group. This will be communicated through the class blogs on the school website.

## World Book Day:

Assuming the school is open on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March we still intend to celebrate World Book Day. If your child intends to come to school in a costume, we suggest they wear sensible footwear and bring something warm to wear too. Please remember to ask your child for their free book voucher which they should be bringing home with them today.



## Parents Evening:

We apologise to all parents who were expecting to meet their child's class teacher during the evening of Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March. Due to the threat of severe weather it was decided that this would be in the safety interests of all parties. We appreciate your understanding and thank you for your co-operation.

