



In the light of God we care, we share, we laugh, we learn

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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you, your family and friends are safe and well. I wanted to share with you our updated severe weather procedures in the light of school closures and how the bubbles and staggered starts is affected. Snow is currently forecast tomorrow (Friday) so I wanted to ensure that I give you prior warning of what could happen in different scenarios.

Severe Weather (Snow)

We have well established procedures for severe weather disruption and if heavy snow falls overnight we will do one of three things:

1. Open as normal as we are confident the site will be safe and staff can get in safely.
2. A short delay (1 hour) to allow ploughs and gritters to work so staff can drive in safely and students can move around the paths safely
3. Shut the school for the day.

Due to the bubble entry and exit stagger it will be a little different this year if we need to do a delayed start. When we do a delayed start, it is to ensure that we can make our site safe for students and that our staff can drive in safely after the ploughs or gritters have been active and the delay will be as follows if we do.

Delayed Start:

- Nursery: 9:30am
- Reception/Year 1 and Year 2: 9.35am
- Year 3: 9.50am
- Year 4: 9.40am
- Years 5 and 6: 9.45am

All children should arrive through the normal entrance and follow the 1-way system.



We always aim to open if at all possible. We will endeavour to do a delayed start if the snow is significant. We will notify you by:

- Text
- Email
- Our school website - Leeds City Council School Closures section:
<https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-closures>

If you do not hear from us then we will be open as normal.

Thank you for your continued support, positive messages and understanding.

Yours faithfully

Miss A. McHale
Headteacher