Snow Plan

Ashley Junior School

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In the event of an emergency school closure due to inclement weather, the following procedures will be put in place:

In the event of snow during the school day:
We will continually risk assess the school site and the surrounding area.

- If a decision is made to close the school, we will send a text asking parents to pick up the children.
- We ask that parents use their own social networks to text/phone as many friends as possible to make sure the message gets around as quickly as possible.
- We will continue to call parents until every child has been picked up.
- We will not allow a child to go home with a friend without your permission.
- If the school has not yet announced a closure but your local circumstances make you concerned about your safety to travel, we ask that you make an informed judgment about picking up your child. We have no wish to put any of our families at risk.

In the event of inclement weather overnight:

- A decision* will be made by 7:45 am in the morning, as to whether the school will open

  **This decision will be based on a risk assessment made by members of staff/governors who live locally and can make an assessment of the condition of roads and pathways on and around the school site. This will include looking at the weather forecast for the rest of the day and the number of staff who are able to get to school to ensure appropriate staff: pupil ratios for Health and Safety reasons*.

- The outcome of the risk assessment will be communicated via text messages and the school website **by 8:00 am** www.ashleyjuniorschool.co.uk

- School closures will also be notified on the Hampshire County Council website www.hants.gov.uk/schoolclosures

- If you do not have access to the website, school closures are generally announced on the local radio stations **Wave 105, Heart & BBC Radio Solent**. Please note that once there are too many schools closing, this service does cease.

- If school is open but circumstances where you live *prevent* you from being able to bring your child to school, it is expected that you will contact school to let us know, in line with our attendance procedures. If conditions improve during the day you will be expected to bring your child later on.

Continuing our Learning – School Closed
We do not want the inclement weather to get in the way of the children's learning. Spell Frame will be available via the internet as usual. In addition, children should use the time to read books and enjoy the snow, if it is safe to do so.

Re-opening the School
This will be announced via the following routes:

- School website
- HCC website
- Text messaging

Once we return to school there is every possibility that it will still be snowy outside. We will still be going out to play on the playground so we ask that parents provide appropriate NAMED footwear for children when they return to school. Only children with wellington boots, or other suitable footwear, will be allowed outside to play.

It is important for parents to note that we may not always get the decision right. We ask for your patience and goodwill at these difficult times.