



BUCKSTONES

COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

21st. January 2013
Dear Parents,

Snow/Bad Weather

The school's priority is always the pupil's safety. All decisions are taken around that concern. Unfortunately we are expecting some very poor weather and are hoping that school will not be too disrupted by the snow. However there may be extreme circumstances when it is necessary to close the school. I would only take that decision if the children's and staff's safety are put at risk because:

- There are not enough staff in school because of unexpected snow/weather conditions
- The weather makes it too dangerous for staff and children to travel to school
- The grounds are too dangerous
- The heating/hot water is not working
- School dinners are not available

I will try to make a decision about school closure as soon as possible and will inform parents through parentmail , messages on the school website www.buckstones.oldham.sch.uk ,with notices around school, on local radio and through Oldham Council's website www.oldham.gov.uk (follow the Winter Update link and that will list all schools that have closed).Please can you ensure we have up to date contact details and have signed up for parentmail to ensure you receive any news as soon as possible.

Extracurricular activities may be cancelled when the weather is poor too. We will contact parents via parentmail.

During the winter period if it is safe to do so the children will spend some time outside playing in the snow. This means the children need wellingtons, boots or sturdy shoes plus a change of footwear and spare socks for inside. Also ensure your child is well wrapped up with thick coat, hat, gloves and scarves. It can get very cold on our playgrounds.

Yours sincerely,

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