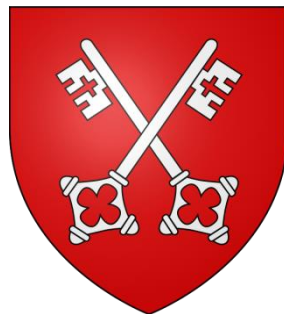


ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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 Education Department/Head Teacher. The school will only be closed if one or more of the following conditions apply -

1. Insufficient staff can come in to keep the school running safely
2. Conditions on 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 the gov.je Website www.gov.je to see if St Peter's School is in the list of the schools that are closed
- Listening to BBC Radio Jersey (88.8FM/ 1026AM) and Radio 103 (103.7 FM)
- Visit the School website (www.stpeter.sch.je)
- Checking emails for confirmation

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 Education Department/Head Teacher will decide whether the school will open taking into account the conditions at the school and the ability of staff to get there.

If the Education Department /Head Teacher decides the school will close, the website/Facebook will update the accordingly. Intouch parent mail will be sent advising staff and parents of the closure.

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

In the event of heavy snowfall during the school day

If there is heavy snowfall during the school day the Head Teacher will decide, with regards to safety of children and staff, based on the conditions and forecast, whether it is necessary to close the school.

The Office will contact parents and ask that they pick their child/children up from school as soon as possible.

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.

Wet Morning Breaks

The Head Teacher will decide if the weather is bad enough for a 'wet' break.

The break will be as a normal 'wet play'.

Members of staff who would normally be on duty for that break will carry on as a 'wet play'.

Wet Lunchtimes

The Head Teacher will decide if the weather is bad enough for a 'wet' lunchtime.

The outside part of the lunchtime break will be as a normal 'wet play'.