

THE ROSE SCHOOL BAD WEATHER POLICY

On rare occasions, particularly in winter the weather can be so severe that getting to and from school becomes hazardous. A school like ours, to which most pupils travel by taxi, over long distances are particularly vulnerable. This is especially so if the weather worsens in the afternoon.

Really bad weather is disruptive and causes anxiety and stress. Understandably many parents ring the school if snow starts falling heavily. It can be frustrating trying to get through when all our outside lines are engaged by other parents/carers calling for the same reason! Jammed lines and answering queries can in turn delay office staff who are trying to arrange taxis for early collection of pupils.

Decisions about closing the school or sending pupils home early are always difficult to make. We need to gather reliable information before making a judgment.

If the school has to be closed, a message will be read out on BBC Radio Lancashire and 2BR radio stations.—So please listen!!!!

BBC Radio Lancashire

FM 95.5

FM 103.9

FM 104.5

MW 855

2BR

FM 99.8

Please Do not ring Radio Lancashire or 2BR to enquire whether school is opened or closed—as they will be unable to answer you individually.

If any pupil arrives at school unaware of the closure a member of staff will be there to help.

Pupils will be able to phone their parents to decide whether they should return home or wait to be collected.

If the weather deteriorates during the day;

1. The school will be closed early only in extreme circumstances.
2. The closure may be staggered. Pupils from the Rawtenstall area may go first, depending on road conditions
3. The decision to close the school will be made by the Head teacher and other key staff after consulting with the transport department.
4. Any decisions to close the school early will be passed on to staff and pupils as soon as we have arrangements at hand.

5. Pupils who walk home will be sent, preferably in the company of other pupils who live near to each other.

6. School will be kept open with staff on hand until the last pupil has left.

7. It is not normally possible for pupils to be given lifts by staff.

A banner notice will be displayed prominently on the schools website to notify parents of school closure but please refer to the above information as a first port of call.