



1. Decision-Making Process

- ❖ Daily assessment by 7:00 AM by the Head Teacher and Site Manager.

Factors considered:

- ❖ Road safety around the school
- ❖ Condition of footpaths and car parks
- ❖ Heating, electricity, and water availability
- ❖ Staff travel feasibility
- ❖ Final decision by 7:15 AM to allow families time to adjust.

2. Communication Strategy

- ❖ Text/Email alert sent to all parents and staff via the school's messaging system.
- ❖ Website homepage banner updated with closure or delayed-opening notice.
- ❖ Social media update (Facebook/Twitter) for wider visibility.
- ❖ Local radio notification if applicable.

3. Setting Work

Significant snow fall in the UK is rare so spending time to enjoy this weather (safely) is valuable.

Suggested activities for children to complete at home will be provided, but there is no strict requirement to complete these if the closure is short term. We understand that an unexpected school closure will look different for every family. If you would like or need your child to participate in some more formal learning, there are some activities suggested below.

If school is closed longer term, then specific learning activities will be provided. Safe and well calls and messages will be sent during a longer closure.

Useful websites/ideas:

- ❖ Sit in front of a mirror and draw a self- portrait
- ❖ Build a den using items found in the house and have lunch in there
- ❖ If you want your child to work through some lessons suitable for their age, you will find a wide selection on the Oak Academy website. You can access these through the 'teaching resources' section where you can choose the key stage and subject for your child. Younger children will most likely need help navigating around the website. <https://www.thenational.academy/> - a wide range of lessons to choose from.
- ❖ Write a postcard, imagining you are on holiday in the snow. Include a description of the setting and what you enjoyed doing there.
- ❖ Draw with Rob - <https://www.youtube.com/c/RobBiddulph72/videos>
- ❖ Computing: BBC Bitesize has a selection of Computer Science based videos and activities, as well as learning based on Information Technology and Digital Literacy. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zvnrq6f>
- ❖ <https://freetimewiththekids.com/snow-activities-for-kids/>
- ❖ <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/5-7-years/letters-and-sounds>
- ❖ Find a Joe Wick's kid's workout on YouTube and follow.
- ❖ See snow day bingo on the next page:



Snow Day Bingo

Can you complete a row of activities on this snow day bingo board?

Can anyone achieve a full house?

Read a book (or a chapter from a book) that has a snowy setting or character.	Build a snowman.	Make a paper plate snowflake or snowman decoration.	Tidy your bedroom.	Aim a snowball at a target.
Write an acrostic poem for the word 'snow'.	Help to shovel some snow from a pathway or driveway.	Put on some thick winter gloves.	Go on a wintry walk.	Put some food out for the birds.
Wear a woolly hat.	Play a board game.		Drink a hot chocolate.	Make a snow angel.
Ride on a sledge.	Dance to a snowy song.	Write an imaginary story about a snow day adventure.	Wrap yourself up in a blanket or duvet.	Make some footprints in the snow.
Make a wintry collage using clippings from newspapers and magazines.	Have a snowball fight (but be careful!).	Build a snow fort (or a warm inside fort made from blankets).	Carefully, use white paper and scissors to create a symmetrical snowflake.	Catch a snowflake on your tongue.