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Dear Parents,

Below we outline the plans/procedures we will apply in the event of snow and ice affecting Plymouth and surrounding areas. In the event of ice forming overnight classrooms will be opened 10 minutes early so that slips and falls can be avoided in the playground. This 'open early' procedure will be operational throughout the winter for snow and ice only. If it rains the basement will be available for use from 8.45. You may decide it is safer for your child to walk to school in boots but please remember to bring your child's shoes to be worn in school during the day.

Please do not telephone the school to ask whether the school is open or not

Every effort will be made to open the school on a daily basis but this is dependent on the following criteria:-

1. The safety and accessibility of the site and surrounding areas
2. The availability of heat, light, power and water
3. The availability of school meals
4. A sufficient number of staff able to safely travel to work.

If criteria 1, 2 and 3 are fulfilled the Head Teachers will review the number of staff available across both schools who can safely travel to work. If there are sufficient staff to supervise the children we will open the schools using the staff available from both schools. However, in these circumstances we cannot guarantee which member of staff will work with your child and also, in which classroom they will be learning. We understand that you may decide that your child would find it difficult to deal with this level of uncertainty and therefore choose to keep them at home.

If the school is closed

- Notification of school closure will be sent via our Teachers to Parents system – text and e-mail
- The following radio stations will be contacted and asked to broadcast school closures-Heart FM, BBC Radio Devon, Radio Plymouth & Radio Cornwall
- Plymouth City Council social media channels will also carry the information <https://twitter.com/plymouthcc> & www.facebook.com/PlymouthCityCouncil

If the fall of snow is heavy once the school is in session

- Do not telephone the school
- Notifications that children can be collected will be sent via our Teachers to Parents system – text and e-mail
- Come and collect your child at any point you deem necessary
- The school will remain open until the last child is collected
- Only if you are unable to collect your child and need to inform us of other arrangements do we ask you to telephone the school with your instructions

Both schools will be operating the same procedures

Mrs E A Hill
Head Teacher

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Head Teacher

