

WHAT HAPPENS IF THE SCHOOL OPENS FOLLOWING A HEAVY SNOW FALL?

- We may not have all paths clear and it might be necessary for all children to enter and exit from the same door.
- If this is the case, we will text parents to inform them of what should happen.
- If the playground is not suitable for playing, indoor arrangements will be made for break times.
- If we are able to allow pupils out to play, please ensure they are appropriately dressed, including footwear. We would wish to encourage the children to be outside playing and enjoying the snow.



Robert Douglas Memorial School



Severe Weather Information for Parents/Carers 2019/2020



SHOULD WE GO TO SCHOOL WHEN IT'S SNOWING?

The answer is usually **YES!** But sometimes conditions can become very difficult when large amounts of snow fall.

The arrangements described in this leaflet should answer any questions you may have. Every effort will be made to ensure our school stays open but the safety of children and school staff is our main consideration at all times.

WHAT SHOULD WE DO IN THE EVENT OF A HEAVY SNOW SHOWER BEFORE SCHOOL?

If you are unsure of whether the school will be open you will find information from the following sources:

- Information available via school app/twitter @RDMScone and school website www.robertdouglas.pkc.sch.uk
- Radio Tay. Announcements will be made from 7.00am. You can find Radio Tay on 96.4FM or 1584AM (Perth) also 102.8FM or 1161AM (outside Perth)
- The Perth and Kinross Customer Service Centre is also a main source of information regarding school closures. This is available from 8am to 6pm (This line **may** operate from 7am in the event of severe weather. 01738 475000 (main council line)
- Information is also available via the council website www.pkc.gov.uk and PKC twitter: @PerthandKinross

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN HEAVY SNOW FALLS DURING THE DAY?

- Where possible we shall try to remain open and provide normal teaching. However, if conditions worsen, it may be necessary to close during the day.
- Should this situation arise a text message will be sent to parents.
- If we have to close children will not be permitted to leave school without firstly contacting parents to ensure each child is returned to a responsible adult.
- If school bus and taxi providers make a decision to collect children early parents will be informed by the school.
- In the situation that some staff members could be sent home classes may be rearranged.
- **IT IS IMPORTANT THAT OUR CONTACT NUMBERS ARE UP TO DATE. PLEASE TELL US IMMEDIATELY OF ANY CHANGES TO YOUR HOME, MOBILE OR WORK TELEPHONE NUMBERS.**
- **Please ensure your emergency contact details are up to date too.**
- **School number: 01738 454455**

