



ROSLIN PRIMARY

WINTER WEATHER PLANNING 2022/2023



Midlothian





Adverse Weather Policy

At Roslin Primary we ensure safety of our children, families and staff are a priority. This means that we need to ensure we have planning in place in case of severe or adverse weather. It is the policy of the school to make every effort to remain open whenever possible. The decision to close the school either before or during the school day will be made by the Director of Education. The school will only be closed if one or more of the following conditions apply:

1. Insufficient staff are able to 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 for travel.

Our Values

Nurture

Play

Respect

LETTING FAMILIES KNOW

If after taking local advice it is decided to close the school, information will be available from Midlothian Council website at www.midlothian.gov.uk and local media, including Forth Radio or Black Diamond FM.

At a school level we try to keep you up to date through:

- Text or email
- Where the school is officially closed, all absence is registered as authorised absence.

POLICY AT ROSLIN PRIMARY SCHOOL

At the start of the school day wherever possible the school will remain open, however due to road conditions some staff may be late arriving and the start of the school day could be affected. Registers are not closed on snow days until 10.30am. Please travel to school safely. We ask parents to work in partnership with us as routines will obviously change on these days. Parents are encouraged to check Midlothian Council website or listen to the local radio for details of any closure. Staff will endeavour to answer the telephone but it might not be possible if limited staff have arrived at school before the school day starts.

During the school day in the event of the school having to close during the day due to unforeseen worsening weather or similar unforeseen circumstances, parents will be contacted by text messaging and asked to collect their child/ren. Such an early release will only be contemplated in very extreme circumstances. Should a parent not be able to be contacted or a child cannot be picked up by parent/carer, additional contacts provided by parents for collection purposes throughout the year will be used as the next means of communication. It is important the school has your most current emergency contact details.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR COPING WITH A REDUCED STAFFING COMPLEMENT

Support staff and SLT will support classes. Classes may need to combine to ensure that there is appropriate support for children. HT will oversee organising of cover and will be aware of class numbers.

GRITTING

Pupils are encouraged to go outside in most weather conditions and should have waterproofs etc. when the weather is wet or snowy. When the playgrounds are particularly wet or icy, pupils may not be allowed outside at break times for their own safety. The janitor will do their best to salt main pathways to the school. We cannot salt the whole playground. We would therefore recommend that staff, parents and pupils treat all path and playground areas as potential slip hazards and take appropriate precautions in cold weather.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRANSPORTED PUPILS

Some children are taken to and from school by taxi. If the taxi driver does not feel that the roads are safe to travel on, he will inform the Head Teacher (HT) of this. Families will also be contacted by taxi driver and this will be confirmed by HT.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR LIAISON WITH CATERING STAFF

Contact details are shared between HT and Catering Supervisor. In the event of school closure to children, catering staff who are able to walk safely to school will make their way to Roslin. Lunches will be prepared for children who are entitled to a Free School Meal and arrangements for pickup/delivery will be made with families.



LEARNING AT HOME

If children are prevented from coming to school due to adverse weather conditions, we will move to Remote Learning. As a school, we will continue to support our children's learning and provide planned activities and resources via Google Classroom (P3-7) and Seesaw (for Nursery). Activities for P1 and P2 will be on the school website as detailed below.

ELC SETTING

- Three learning activities will be uploaded every day that parents can engage their children in. The activities will detail the intended learning and reference any required resources.
- A daily video message will be shared by a member of the ELC team.
- We will also share a story, pre-recorded by a member of the ELC team. The story will have a grid of suggested learning activities to go along with it.
- Throughout the week, we would encourage children to share their remote learning through Seesaw and receive feedback from ELC staff.

P1 AND P2

- A daily learning grid will be uploaded on to our website. The learning grid will detail intended learning, activities, learning prompts and reference required resources or web links.

P3-7

Our older learners should have access to their Chromebooks and can access Google Classroom on which learning activities will be shared. For those children without access to a device, learning activities will be found on our website.

- Learning activities will be linked mainly to the core areas of the curriculum, Health and Wellbeing, Literacy and Numeracy.
 - Learning across the curriculum activities may also be linked to interdisciplinary work or stand-alone activities.
 - Creative activities will be opened ended, allowing learners to use resources which they have access to at home and do not require purchasing anything to be able to complete the activity.
- If any parents have any questions or require support with Remote Learning, you can contact teachers through our school email account at roslin.ps@midlothian.gov.uk