

Rainow School - Severe Weather Plan

The staff make every effort to reach the school when the weather is bad, but there are occasions when, by virtue of the position of the village, the school is unable to open.

During the winter months, staff and parents are asked to keep up-to-date with weather warnings and be ready to act accordingly in case of snow or other severe weather. Parents are asked to check the school website www.rainowpri.cheshire.sch.uk and the school Twitter feed [@Rainow Primary](https://twitter.com/RainowPrimary) if in any doubt, or phone the school. Silk FM Radio 106.9 will also announce any school closures.

The following table outlines several scenarios 1 – 4 (4 being worst case) and actions for school and parents / carers in the event of severe weather:

	Decision	Scenario	What School Will Do	What You Need to Do
1	Open as usual	Some snow or bad weather but all roads and access to school deemed fine.	-Update school website and Twitter by 8am with our decision.	-Check website / Twitter feed from 8am -Drop children off as usual.
2	Flexible opening	Main roads are passable and no further bad weather is forecast.	-Update school website and Twitter by 8am with our decision.	-Check website / Twitter feed from 8am. -Drop children off when you deem it safe to do so. -Inform school PREFERABLY VIA EMAIL if it is not safe for you to travel.
3	Delayed opening	Current conditions are bad / travel potentially dangerous but forecast suggests that weather / travel conditions will improve shortly.	-Update school website and Twitter by 8am with our decision. -Aim to open from 10am (up until 11am) -Communicate an update by 9am stating the proposed delayed opening time.	-Check website / Twitter feed from 8am. -Drop children off when you deem it safe to do so after announced time. -Inform school PREFERABLY VIA EMAIL, if it is not safe for you to travel.
4	Close School	Access is difficult / dangerous / impossible and no sign of imminent easing in weather.	-Update website and Twitter by 8am with our decision. In the event that conditions are already dangerous and the forecast for the following day is similar / worse, a decision will attempted to be communicated the night before. -Inform Silk Radio.	-Check website / Twitter feed.

In the event of flexible or delayed opening, parents / carers are responsible for the supervision of their children until they have dropped them at school, **and if they still choose to keep children off, they must communicate their intentions preferably by email (or phone) as soon as possible.**

Please note that that while every attempt will be made to follow the procedures outlined above, there is nothing quite as unpredictable or changeable as the weather. Broadly speaking, we will make every attempt to remain open and if this is not possible for whatever reason, then we endeavour to communicate our intentions as quickly as is practicable (this includes having to close when the weather has deteriorated during the course of a school day.) The safety and welfare of the entire school community will be central to any decisions made and your child will of course always be appropriately supervised.