

Dear Parents/Carers,

With the return of cold and icy conditions this week, please take a moment to remind yourselves of our cold weather guidelines!

These have been updated for 2022, please do familiarise yourself with them keep them somewhere safe to refer to as required.

**In the event of a severe weather warning:**

If there is a severe weather warning by the Met. Office for this area, a decision will be made at an early stage by senior staff as to whether it is safe and viable to run Pace services or to close for a fixed period of time.

ParentMail



You will be advised of this decision via ParentMail. It will also be updated on the BucksCC website as detailed below.

**The decision to close Pace is not taken lightly.** We are very mindful of the inconvenience this can cause and we will always attempt to open if at all possible. However our first duty is to the safety and well-being of the children and young people, staff and other users of Pace and this must take priority when making the decision to open or close during severe weather conditions.

**In the event that heavy snow and/or icy conditions arrive outside of school hours:**

The status of Pace School Services will be updated on the Bucks County Council website. Please familiarise yourself with this page, and use it to check whether Pace School is open or closed.

To do so, go to <https://closures.buckscc.gov.uk/> click on 'All Education Centres', select P from the alphabet range – we have 2 entries: 'The Pace Centre' (Coventon Road site) and 'Pace Bradbury Campus' (Wendover Road site).

This online record informs Bucks transport services. Please note that it is the responsibility of Parents/Carers to inform your transport provider (if applicable) directly as soon as you are made aware of a closure.

If taxis arrive to collect your child and you are in any doubt of whether or not Pace is open – do not let them set off until you have checked your Parentmail account and the BucksCC site.

If you do not live in locally to Pace, you can check conditions for the Aylesbury area using widely available weather forecast apps/sites such as <https://www.bbc.co.uk/weather> or <https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/>. Please do not just go by the amount of snow around you as conditions can vary widely across different regions.

**In the event that heavy snow and/or icy conditions arrive during school hours:**

If heavy snow starts to fall during the day – Senior Staff will decide whether or not to send children home and this will be communicated via Parentmail in the first instance, and then followed up with a phonecall as required.

Please ensure that you keep your mobile phone available and switched on with Parentmail notifications enabled, and ensure that Pace can contact you if required. Individual difficulties will be managed as effectively as conditions allow.

**Remote Learning in the event of a snow closure:**

- Remote learning during a snow closure is entirely optional
- In the event of a snow related closure, a pre-prepared range of activities will be sent to school families via MSTeams. These will include a selection of activities which are fun and engaging (some involving snow!) but also practical and realistic in terms of what is able to be achieved at home (possibly with siblings to also consider!).
- Activities will be planned carefully to offer a broad range of opportunities to work on individual goals and priorities where possible, particularly those goals that lend themselves to these activities e.g. those relating to upper limb/hand function, sensory exploration/regulation, communication.
- Live lessons will not be offered on these days due to the nature of snow days being last minute and short lived and bringing with them additional pressures for staff and families alike in terms of children being home from school

**Please keep these guidelines handy in case we have a sudden fall of snow.**

Many thanks,



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