



MTVS Adverse Weather Conditions Procedure 2021-22

Introduction

The school will make every effort to remain open whenever possible.

The decision to close the school will be made by the Head Teacher in consultation with the site manager. The school will only be closed if one or more of the following conditions apply.

- Insufficient staff are able to come in to keep the school running safely and to ensure Health and safety regulations are followed.
- Conditions on site are dangerous.
- Conditions are considered to be or are anticipated to later become too hazardous to travel.

If school experiences difficulties due to winter weather issues and decides, as a result of our Risk Assessment, to close school we will contact the School Relationship Team via email.

Local weather warnings can be found on the following link:

<http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/public/weather/warnings/#?tab=warnings®ionName=nw>

In the event of heavy snow before the school day starts

Parents

When school closure is a possibility parents should find out whether the school is open by:

- Checking the school website and twitter
- A text will be sent to parents as soon as the decision has been made

Remote learning

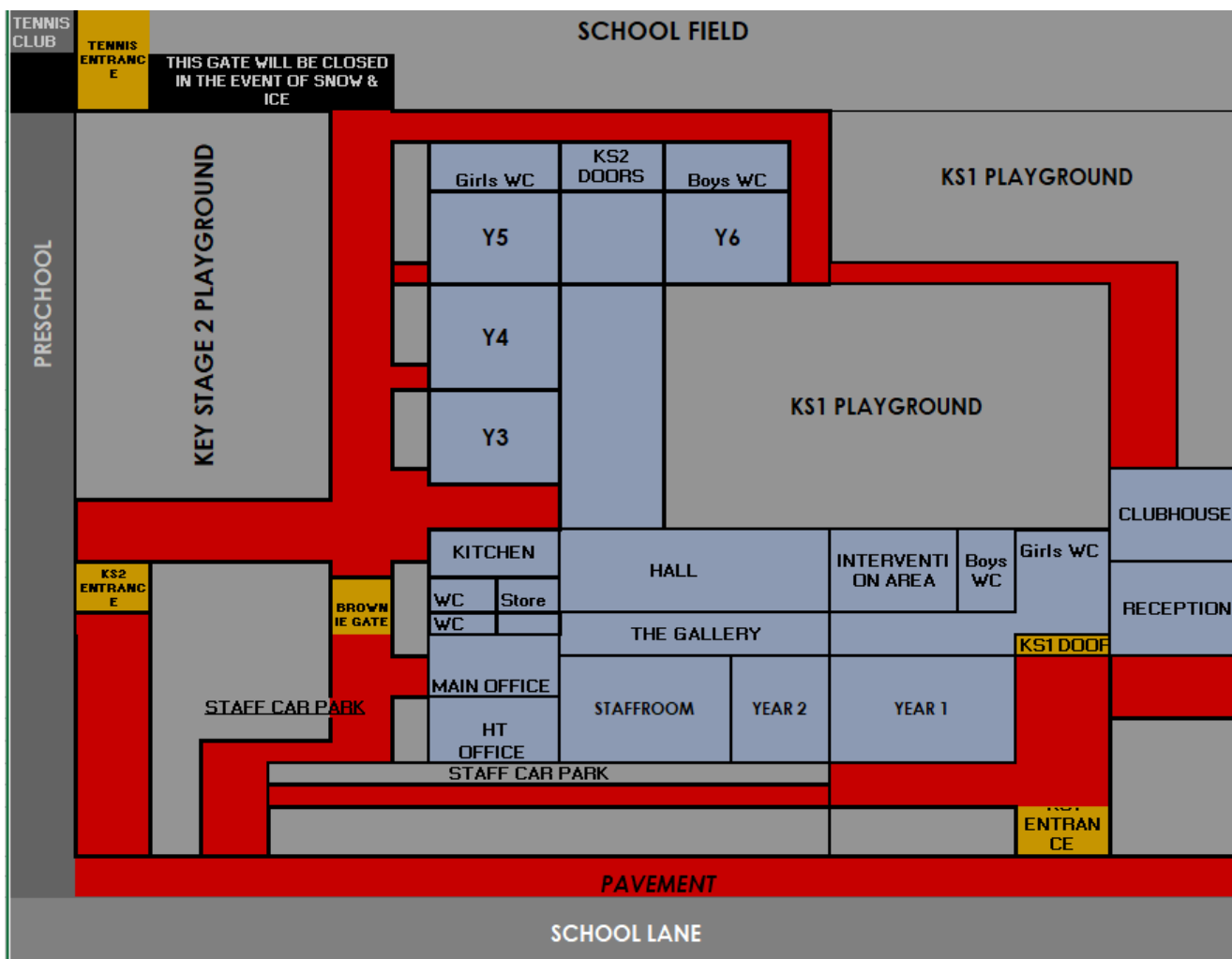
- On the first day of the closure, work will be uploaded on each class google page
- If the closure continues staff will move to our remote learning plan – as outlined in our remote offer.
- School will contact vulnerable pupils to assess their access to technology requirements and ensure they have food and that their basic social needs are being met.

In the event of heavy snowfall during the school day

If there is heavy snowfall during the school day, the Head Teacher & Deputy Head Teacher, in collaboration with the site manager, will decide whether it is necessary to close the school. The office will contact parents and ask that they pick their child/children up from school as soon as possible. The staff that live furthest from school will be permitted to leave at the earliest opportunity. A skeleton staff will remain in school until all of the children have been collected.

Safe paths into school

Snow, and especially ice, can be hazardous underfoot. School will therefore attempt to reduce the risk by clearing and gritting the red paths identified on the map below - please only use these to access the school building in such conditions or when notified to do so. Please note the tennis court gate will be closed in the event of snow and ice. All children who use this gate are asked to use the KS2 gate. In the event of severe ice and snow the KS2 gate will also be closed and all KS2 children will access school through the brownie gate (the carpark will be closed at 8.30am) – a text will be sent informing you of this closure.



Clear snow from a road, path or cycle way GOV.UK

You can clear snow and ice from pavements yourself. It's unlikely that you'll be sued or held responsible if someone is injured on a path or pavement if you've cleared it carefully.

<https://www.gov.uk/clear-snow-road-path-cycleway>