



Joy Lane Primary School

A Love of Learning, for Life, for All

Tuesday 29th January 2019

Oyster Bay Nursery & Oysters SRP (ASD)

Executive Headteacher: Ms D J Hines

Head of School: Mr M Ashley-Jones

Adverse Weather Information

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you as our area has been given an adverse weather warning, relating to sleet and snow in the next few days. Please take the time to read our statement below.

Severe Snow/Ice Plan for Parents & Carers

Every winter brings the possibility of snow and ice. Extreme bad weather can cause widespread and prolonged disruption. Schools are often affected and it can be difficult to maintain an education service. As a fundamental principle every effort must be made to keep schools open, even if only limited numbers of pupils can attend. However, schools may close due to 'unavoidable' circumstances. Those circumstances being that it is no longer safe for staff or pupils to be onsite.

We recognise that it is important our school remains open so parents & carers are able to work and pupils can continue to learn. Joy Lane Primary School will make every effort to prepare for severe snow/ice this winter by gritting pathways and clearing access points.

How will we let you know if the School is closed?

If we do experience severe snow/ice resulting in hazardous conditions, Ms Hines may have to take the decision to close the School. Once this decision has been made we will notify parents via an SMS text/School website/Facebook page.

What can you do to help?

Visit the School website (Announcements)/School Facebook page for the latest information.

KM FM School Closure Announcements

Please visit www.kent.gov.uk/winter for more information about gritting routes and travel issues around Kent so you can plan your journey.

Please approach the School from the **main entrance only**. Vulcan Close and Valkyrie will be closed.

Don't forget suitable warm clothing - gloves, hats, scarves, wellies etc. or even a change of clothing.

If you are a working parent or feel you may have a problem with a sudden earlier pick up, please could you put a back-up plan in place with another family member or parent and inform the school. This will allow staff to leave earlier for their safety if weather dictates.

Many thanks for your support in helping Joy Lane Primary School remain open during periods of severe snow/ice.

Yours sincerely

Ms D J Hines

Executive Headteacher