

## Moss Park Primary School Adverse Weather Guidance (parents and carers)

In the event of disruption caused by severe weather the prime concern of the school must always be the safety of the pupils and staff.

**We will always endeavour to open the school in the event of bad weather, as long as it is safe to do so.**

Head teachers are authorised to make an emergency closure when the state of the weather or any other exceptional circumstance would put the health, safety or welfare of pupils and/ or staff at risk. 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 become too hazardous for travel later in the day

We will always let you know if the school is fully open, partially open or closed. We will do this by:

- An urgent notice will be on the front page of the school website
- A school spider app notification will be sent out to all parents/carers by message AND email
- Facebook group
- Trafford School closures <https://www.trafford.gov.uk/residents/schools/school-closures.aspx>

### If the school is open

We will operate a staggered entry to school with registers open until 9.30 am. We expect all pupils to attend school as normal. Please note:

1. **Breakfast Club** may not be open until 8.30 am as all staff who are in school will be assisting in getting school ready.
  2. We may have to close **Nursery** because of the staff-child ratio to enable the attendance of statutory school age children.
  3. Be prepared for **After School Club** to be cancelled if the weather gets worse during the day.
  4. All these details will be included in our messaging.
- Pupils should wear boots or wellies and bring an indoor pair of shoes/trainers and wrap up warm.
  - Changes of clothes may be brought in for playing outside
  - If weather gets worse, then we will start dismissing the pupils after lunch starting with the youngest children and their siblings
  - School meals – may be more basic than regular menu if there are staffing issues
  - Playtimes – we will play out for short bursts with enhanced supervision (more adults on duty)
  - After school club will be open unless the weather becomes worse throughout the day and we will contact all parents by 2pm in this event for a staggered pick up

### If the school has to be closed

- There is no 'absence mark' recorded as school is closed
- Limited Home Learning/activities will be provided via google classroom for KS2 pupils and activities suggested on the school website class pages for EYFS and KS1
- Free School meals (for those eligible - not universal) will be provided as a packed lunch to pick up from school

### How parents can help

- Ensure Emergency contact numbers are up to date

- Ensure notifications for the School App are on to receive messages and check email as back up
- Check the website homepage <https://www.mossparkprimary.co.uk/>
- Provide warm and dry clothing and footwear with spares if necessary
- Encourage pupil safety to and from school
- Walk your child to school - do not attempt to drive down Moss Park Road
- **Please don't phone school to find out information as the line will be busy with staff reporting in**
- **Please do not rely on parent whatsapp groups - they are not always reliable sources of information so please wait for messages from school**