



## MTVS Adverse Weather Conditions Procedure

### Introduction

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

Any decision to close the school will be made as quickly as possible, we shall endeavour to make any decision on the closure of the school by 7.30am.

In the event of closure, we will send a smartmessage via the schoolspider app and an email to all parents who have provided us with an up-to-date email address and/or have the app installed. If you do not currently receive emails from the school, please contact the school office via email to update your contact details. We will also post a notice on the HOME page of our website.

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.

**Local weather warnings can be found on the following link:**

<https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/warnings-and-advice/uk-warnings#?tab=warnings&regionName=nw&date=2024-01-10>

### In the event of heavy snowfall during the school day

If there is heavy snowfall during the school day that causes us to be concerned about children's and staff welfare in relation to returning home, we will again message 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 the children have been collected.

### Learning activities

Please enjoy the snow, we don't get it that much, curl up with a story and a hot chocolate or wrap up and go outside to make snow angels.

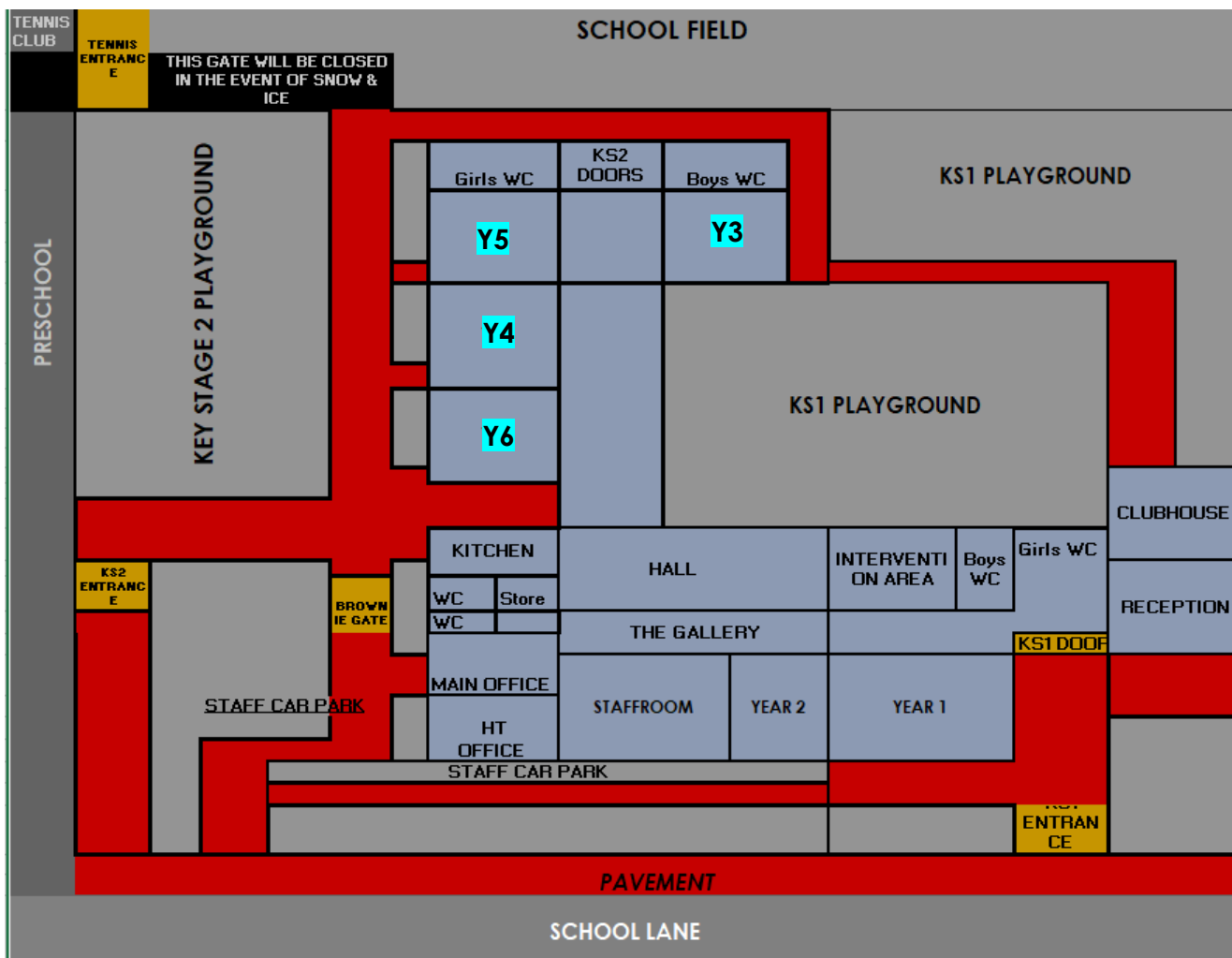
On the first day of the closure, 2 non-compulsory activities will be emailed to each class. If the closure continues teachers will email further activities.

It is always difficult to make the right decision due to the unpredictability of the weather, we will aim to do this as swiftly as we can. Please rest assured that any decisions taken will be based around ensuring that your children are kept as safe as possible.

### 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 message 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>