

Simmondley Primary School Snow Policy

When it snows you can assume we will be open when it is safe to do so in all but the very worst conditions. If we cannot stay open we will send a text message to you, put a message on our web site and let High Peak Radio know.

In snowy conditions parents and staff should only attempt to travel to school if they are content the conditions are safe to do so. If you can't get your child to school, or if you decide the conditions are not safe, we will authorise all absence during the period our snow policy applies.

We cannot always grit or clear footpaths so we cannot offer certainty over all aspects of safety underfoot. If school seems unsafe to you, it is for you to decide whether or not to come onto our site, or leave your children with us.

Don't worry what time you bring your child to school as no child will be recorded as being late, during a snow policy period, as safety is more important than punctuality.

School may decide to text parents to pick up their child early if the weather deteriorates.

In really bad conditions there will be no before or after school club as we cannot guarantee staff cover and we also want our staff who have managed to come to school to travel home in daylight.

Make sure your child is dressed for being in the snow as we do let them play out as much as possible.

School will decide when the snow policy comes into operation and when it ends; we will announce this on our web site and by text. At the end of a snow policy period, all the usual lateness and attendance rules will re-apply immediately.

We hope this policy promotes safety and common sense during a time of danger on the roads.

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