



Shawlands Primary School Policy

**Adverse Weather Policy
REVIEWED EVERY 3 YEARS**

Reviewed and Updated: Summer 2023

Updated by D Thompson September 2023.

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Approved by the Governing Body on:

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Shawlands Primary School Adverse Weather Plan

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We will endeavour to open the school every day to make sure that children and their learning come first. However, if the school's leaders feel that the weather may put children and adults at risk, we will take appropriate steps to reduce this risk. We will take a number of factors into any decision relating to school opening or closure:

- Current weather conditions
- Forecast conditions up to school closing times
- Availability of staff
- Availability of key non-teaching staff (premises and catering)
- Likelihood of injury

The steps taken may include:

1. Opening school to all children whilst delaying official registration or bringing forward collection times
2. Closing the school completely

The decision to close the school will not be taken lightly. Please take into account that this decision sometimes will have to be made remotely with limited information but with both pupils and staff safety being the paramount factor.

There are 4 ways you can find out about our decision:

1. We will send a SchoolComms message to staff and parents through the Gateway App (priority contact details only) so please make sure we have your most up to date number and that you have enabled push notification.
2. Updates will be posted on the school website www.shawlandsprimaryschool.co.uk and the [Twitter Feed](#) on @ShawlandsPS
3. Listen to Dearne FM (102.0fm) and check their website on <http://www.dearnefm.co.uk/news/school-closures/>
4. Via information on the Barnsley website <https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/education-learning-and-childcare/schools-and-colleges/school-closures>

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We will always endeavour to make a decision in good time so that parents and families can make appropriate arrangements. We will aim to make a final decision on school closure by 7.45am (1 hour before our doors open) but this may not always be possible.

In all instances, whether school is open or not, we would stress that families should consider their own journey and take their own health and safety into consideration and communicate any problems getting to school through 01226 287177 as soon as possible.

If it does snow but we feel that it is still safe to be open, please send your child(ren) in suitable clothing so that they can make the most of the weather and go outside to play during the day.

This policy is available at:

<http://www.shawlandsprimaryschool.co.uk/policies>