

Thursday 17th January 2019

Dear Parents,

Newsletter 2 Spring Term

Bad Weather (Snow) Closures

I thought it was time to remind parents of our procedures if we have to close the school due to (usually) snow. We will try not to close the school, but there are sometimes conditions when this is unavoidable. If a decision to close the school has to be taken in the morning, because we have woken up to a heavy snowfall, we will make this decision as early as possible. We will try to do this by 7.30am, earlier if possible. Once the decision is made we will:

- Send a ParentMail message to all those registered.
- Display a closure message on the school website www.whitebridge.essex.sch.uk
- Post the information under school closures on the Essex website.
- If a member of staff is able to go into school to answer phones, we will put this in place between 8 and 9am
- We will also post it on the PTA Facebook page.

If snowfalls are already evident, and we are in a position to take that decision the night before, then we will follow the same procedure. Unfortunately this is not always possible.

If severe weather conditions present during the school day, we may exceptionally ask for children to be collected early, but this is rare.

PE in the Winter

Can I remind parents that even in the winter, we do often go outside for PE with children in KS2. For this reason we do allow track suit bottoms to be worn for outdoor PE. These should be a plain, dark colour, not leggings. This clothing can be kept in their PE bag. They can have a plain dark top too, although this is not necessary if they have a school top because they can wear this.

A reminder that cycle shorts are not PE uniform; ordinary PE shorts are the uniform.

Yours sincerely

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