



Yardley Wood Community Primary School
"Learning Through Life"

Thursday 8th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year – what a tricky first week back. The British weather is the gift that keeps on giving. I have been asked many times today about the possibility of a school closure tomorrow. The weather forecast is changing regularly and I have seen conflicting predictions of either very heavy snowfall or of wind and rain, depending on which forecast I look at.

Birmingham City Council has not given any blanket instructions to school heads and we are therefore left to make decisions on a school by school basis. I don't have a crystal ball but I appreciate that uncertainty does not help you to plan for the day. Many parents need to make arrangements for childcare if school is closed and driving to and from school during rush hour can be a problem for families and for staff, even after light snowfall. Bus services may be affected and pavements might be dangerous. There may of course be no snow at all left by the morning.

I have made the decision to delay the start time of school until 10.00 am tomorrow morning, for all pupils. A later start should give staff and families time to get here safely, avoiding the busiest time on the roads. **There will be no breakfast club tomorrow morning.**

If the roads are clear and travel is safe, school will be open, with the school day starting for pupils at 10.00 am.

If the snow has been very heavy and roads are dangerous, a decision to close the school will be made by 8.00 am.

In either case, parents and staff will be informed at or close to 8.00 am via text alerts and the school website.

So please work on the assumption that school is open tomorrow from 10.00 am, unless snowfall has been very heavy and roads remain dangerous in the morning.

Yours faithfully

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