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In the event of disruption caused by heavy snow the prime concern of each school must always be the safety of the pupils and staff. We shall endeavour to make any decision on the closure of the school by 7.30am.

The decision to close each school will take account of the safety of all our pupils and staff. We will always endeavour to open school in the event of bad weather, as long as it is safe to do so.

If school is open in snow or bad weather the decision as to whether or not to send a pupil to school, however, must be at the discretion of the parents, taking into account factors such as local road conditions and the availability of child-care.

In event of bad weather, parents should check whether school is open before travelling to the site. There are a number of ways to confirm whether school is open or closed.

Check our Twitter feed @kingswayCT

Check out our facebook page – Kingsway Community Trust

Check the list of school closures on the Manchester City Council Website.:

<https://www.gov.uk/check-school-closure>

Listen for lists of school closures on local radio.

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In the event of a closure we will send a group text to all parents for which we have a mobile number. If you currently do not receive text messages from the school, please contact the school office with a number we can text you on, as the number we have for you may be out of date.

If the school does open, but extreme weather develops during the day, we will aim to remain open until the end of the normal school day, however this is not always possible when roads are becoming treacherous. In this case parents will be contacted via group text and asked to collect their children as soon as possible. Under these conditions we will take verbal permission for their child/children to be collected by a nominated adult. Normal lessons may be curtailed and the remaining pupils assembled in groups under the supervision of authorised members of staff to awaiting collection.

Staff will always make every reasonable effort to undertake the journey to school. It is appreciated that the journey may take longer than normal and therefore some staff may not be able to arrive before the normal start of the school day. It may also be necessary to ask all children to bring packed lunches if the kitchen staff are unable to reach school safely.

Please note that if school is closed, the Out of Hours School clubs will also be closed.