



Castleton C of E Primary School

Snow Policy & Information

December 2025

It is our policy to try to keep school open whenever possible; however, in extreme circumstances school may have to be closed.

- In the event of heavy snowfall overnight, we will endeavor to notify you of school closure as soon as we are able. However, please do not send your child/ren to school unless it has been confirmed that school is open. Staff living beyond the Castleton area may be experiencing more extreme conditions! **In the event of no teaching staff being able to get into school, school will automatically close.**
- If conditions at the start of the day are poor but look set to improve as the morning progresses, then the decision may be made to open later. This gives people the opportunity to travel in the daylight and when things could have warmed up and cleared a little. Late opening will be notified in the same manner as closure; parents will receive an email, an announcement will be made on High Peak radio and there will be notification posted on the home page of the school website.
- If there is snow during the school day it may be necessary to close school to avoid children or staff becoming stranded. If you can see this situation developing, we would be grateful if you could help by removing your child from school. If conditions continue to deteriorate we will text or telephone the parents of any remaining children.

Arrangements during extreme weather conditions can be very inconvenient, but the health and safety of the children, staff and parents at these times are of paramount importance. We have a majority of parents who travel in from outside of the immediate area, **if in doubt, please do not leave home until it has been confirmed that school is open.** There is no expectation that people take unreasonable risks to get their child to school! The occasional snow day is fairly inevitable...and can be fun!

Your support with this matter is very much appreciated.

All absences relating to snow closure will be authorised and **will not** affect your child's attendance record.