

CHURNET VIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL

Snow Evacuation Procedures

Due to our rural catchment area and the potential severity of the weather conditions in these areas, Churnet View Middle School will sometimes close for bus pupils only. In the event of a decision to close the school during the school day, priority will be given to bus pupils to ensure they are safely transported home.

Only when all bus pupils are safely on the buses will the school decide whether to close the school for all pupils. Often local weather conditions are not as severe as the surrounding rural areas and the school will remain open for all non-bus pupils until the end of the normal school day.

1. Snow Evacuation – during the school day

Message received from bus companies that buses will be collecting pupils early – either one, multiple or all routes.

Actions

- Text messages will be sent out to parents informing them of the early arrival of their children. Please only text or call if there are alternative arrangements which will be passed onto your child. If we do not receive a message or call we will assume it is ok for your child to travel on the bus early. We prefer text messages as the school phone lines are often very busy but if you have informed us that you cannot receive texts, we will call you to inform you of the early bus departure.
- Pupils will be assembled in the hall in bus lines and asked to await the arrival of their bus.
- Please do not call the school unless in an emergency as the telephone system will be very busy. All text messages are monitored at this time.

If school closes for bus pupils only

- All remaining pupils will stay in school until the end of the school day when they will be dismissed at the usual time.

2. Snow Evacuation – before the school day

An early decision before school is made to close the whole school due to the weather conditions.

Actions

- A text will be sent to all parents and staff informing them that the school is closed.
- Local radio stations and the Staffordshire County Council website will be informed of the closure.
- Parents and staff can register online for text alerts via the Staffordshire County Council website School Closures.
- Messages will be updated if the school remains closed on the following day. If you do not receive an updated message, the school will reopen the next day.