

Regis Manor Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer

"Schools should, wherever possible, stay open in severe weather. They play a key role in their communities and by staying open help both their pupils and parents." – Department for Education

Every winter brings the possibility of snow and ice. Extreme bad weather can cause widespread and prolonged disruption. Schools are often affected and it can be difficult to maintain an education service. At Regis Manor, every effort is made to keep our school open.

During Icy Conditions

- Please visit www.kent.gov.uk/winter for more information about gritting routes and travel issues around Kent so you can plan your journey.
- If the school is open but conditions are icy, you will receive a text message to inform you that some of the entrances to the school are closed – there may be circumstances where only Middletune Avenue entrance will remain open.
- Please travel on foot where possible and safe to do so.
- Don't forget suitable warm clothing – gloves, hats, scarves, wellies etc. or even a change of clothing.
- If you are a working parent or feel you may have a problem with a sudden earlier pick up should the school need to close, please could you put a back-up plan in place with another family member or parent and inform the school of this.

However, there are occasions that despite every effort, we have no choice but to close the school for the safety of both pupils and staff.

The school will inform parent/carers using the following methods should we need to close the school

- Our preferred method is using text messaging. It is essential for this method that we have an up to date mobile number – it is your responsibility to inform us of your new number.
- The school website which will be updated to inform of school closure – please visit www.regismanor.org.uk and check the homepage.
- Visit www.kentclosures.co.uk. Search for Regis Manor Primary School in the search box. The Kent Closures website can also be used to find out if other services in Kent are open or closed, such as nurseries, children's centres and libraries. You may also wish to sign up for SMS/ Email alerts on the Kent Closures website. This service will send an SMS or email alert to let parents know if Regis Manor is closed.
- Please check school social media accounts i.e. Twitter@RegisManor and Facebook.

Thank you for your continued support,

Yours faithfully

Mr M Perry
Head of School



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