



EAST PECKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear parents and carers,

Every winter brings the possibility of snow and ice. As we all know extreme bad weather can cause widespread and prolonged disruption. Schools are often affected and it can be difficult to ensure that we keep the school safe and warm. As a fundamental principle every effort will be made to keep our school open, even if only limited numbers of pupils can attend. However, on rare occasions we may have to close due to unavoidable circumstances; primarily when it is no longer safe for staff or pupils to be onsite. We recognise that it is important that our school remains open so that parents are able to work and pupils can continue to learn. East Peckham Primary will make every effort to prepare for severe weather, snow or ice this winter.

How will we let you know if the school is closed?

If we do experience severe weather, snow or ice resulting in hazardous conditions, we may have to take the decision to close the school. Once this decision has been made we will notify parents via the Kent Closures website. To determine whether East Peckham Primary is open or closed please visit www.kentclosures.co.uk and look for the 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. Alternatively, please visit our school website <https://www.east-peckham.kent.sch.uk/> as we will try to add a statement by 7.30am if the school is closing. We will not add anything if the school remains open. Additionally, we will email parents via Arbor as soon as is practicable.

What can you do to help?

Please visit www.kent.gov.uk/winter for more information about gritting routes and travel issues around Kent so you can plan your journey. We are aware that there are class groups on social media, such as WhatsApp groups, so please do share any formal information that you receive from the school, but not speculation as this can be confusing.

Lastly, don't forget suitable warm clothing – gloves, hats, scarves, wellies etc or even a change of clothing if required.

Kind regards,

Mrs Kate Elliott
Headteacher