

"At St Martin's School we are a fellowship of scholars who achieve excellence. We seek a rich, broad and challenging Curriculum. This culture puts us in control of our journey. Our children not only excel academically but are given the tools to enable them to pass their exams and converse at interview with confidence. This learning nurtures and stimulates us whilst emphasising the importance of individuality, intellectual wonder and self-actualisation. We obtain mastery in all aspects of the Curriculum. The heart of our journey is Literacy which we recognise as the fundamental tool of human communication. We explore the human condition through Music, Media and Drama. We value the planet, nature and fellow human beings in all their expressions."

Snow and Bad Weather Policy

In the event of disruption caused by heavy snow, the prime concern of the school must always be the safety of the pupils and staff.

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

If the school is open in snow or bad weather we ask that parents attempt to send their children to school if possible. In event of bad weather, parents should check whether the school is open before travelling to the site.

If the school is closed, we will try and make a decision as early as possible, and will intend to reopen as soon as we can. We will inform parents and teachers by 7.00am if the school will be closed that day. Parents will be informed by email, text, Twitter and by Facebook Posts.

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 at 3.40pm. However, this is not always possible when roads are becoming treacherous. In this case, parents will be contacted 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 await 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.

Signed Dr Jason Walak – Head Teacher 14th January, 2017

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