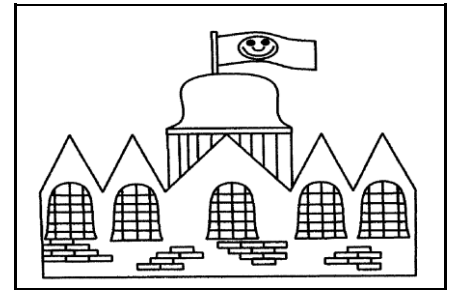


# Hillocks Primary School

## Snow Plan



When the local area experiences severe snow conditions or icy conditions Hillocks Primary School will aim to remain open as long as:

- The school site is safe to access
- There are enough staff to safely supervise the children
- School meals can be offered. This may include a cold alternative
- A member of the Senior Leadership Team is on site.

The school will aim to stay open to ensure continuity of education and to ensure that families who do not have available childcare arrangements in place are not disadvantaged or financially penalised by a decision to close.

The decision to close the school can only be taken by the Head Teacher or Chair of Governors. A decision will be made by 8.15am. Parents/Carers will be notified of school closure through the school texting service and local radio.

If the school is closed, a member of staff (where possible) will be available at school to ensure that communication is maintained for the first few hours of closure. Thereafter the school will be empty.

On days when the weather deteriorates through the school day, parents/carers will be advised that they may collect their children early due to the road conditions.

When the site is snowy or icy a number of designated access routes will be identified, kept clear and gritted by the Site Manager. Thick snow may not be cleared as this can be safer than a cleared route which has frozen.

Outdoor playtimes will take place as long as the senior member of staff on site deems it safe to do so. Parents/Carers are reminded to ensure their children have warm clothes and suitable footwear.