
Severe Weather Policy

Ardleigh Green
Junior School

September 2017



School will remain open wherever possible to minimise the disruption to the children's education and inconvenience to parents and carers. However there might be a closure if insufficient members of staff can reach school to supervise the children adequately and safely.

A risk assessment will ensure that a carefully balanced decision is made in adverse weather conditions that would put children or adults at risk.

To find out if the school is open:

1. Check if you have a message from Parentmail.
2. We will keep you updated through our school website and Twitter.
3. Check the Havering or school web site
 - www.havering.gov.uk or www.ardleighgreenjun.org.uk
4. Use the LGFL Opencheck website <https://opencheck.atomwide.com/Default.aspx>, choose 'Havering' and 'Ardleigh Green Junior School' from the dropdown list.
5. Phone 0208 4087508 after 8am and enter the school code 3112007.

If conditions worsen during the school day and parents feel it is absolutely necessary to collect children, the school should be contacted prior to collection. Unless it is felt to be a question of health and safety, the early collection of children should be avoided. The overriding factor at all times will be the health and safety of pupils, families and school staff.

If there is snowfall over the weekend we have in the past asked for helpers to clear the playgrounds and pathways. Watch out for confirmation if this is the case.