



Lawmuir Primary School

Winter Update

December 2022



Communications

Please check that you are able to receive communication from us in at least one of the channels we use.

These are:

- **Twitter** - @LawmuirPS – this is the easiest one for our team to use away from school so I would encourage you to follow us on twitter – it's where an update at 7 o'clock in the morning is most likely to be. Remember though we use twitter as a way to push information out, please call the school office if you have a query.
- **Our School App** – This is free and can be downloaded from Google Play or the App Store.
- **Groupcall** – please check on Parent portal that we have the correct e-mail address/phone number for you. The office team can send Groupcall messages straight to you. Groupcall also have an app called Groupcall Xpressions, which sends you a notification any time something is sent out relevant to your child.

- **Winter Updates**

We will try to retweet the winter updates from North Lanarkshire Council. You can also get these directly though by following @nlcwinter – these updates contain general travel advice and weather information over the winter as well as information regarding school transport or closures.

More information can be found at - www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/winter-services

Disruption to School

As we are on the main bus route (Babylon Road), we are usually quite well protected over the winter and disruption to our school is rare, however disruption to transport or school closures can happen. We will try to communicate any information about disruption as quickly as we can. **Please assume though that we are open and disruption free each morning – we will let you know if that is not the case.**

Paths & Gritting

The priority path for access to the school and therefore for gritting is the path from Footfeild Road to the front door. This is the path we will endeavour to keep clear. The janitor will clear this first and then move onto paths from the Footfield Rd gates, through the playground to the pupil entrances. The path from the back gate into the playground will be gritted last.

If conditions are especially treacherous, we will bring the children in through the front door. If the front door is being used on any particular day, we will notify you on the school app/twitter/Groupcall.

As you know though, on very cold days the janitorial team can find that the ground freezes over again as quickly as they clear it, so please exercise caution around the campus over the winter.

Breaks & Lunch

Generally, we prefer to have the children outside for break and lunch time. Please make sure your child has a warm coat for the winter and that their name is clearly written on it. Gloves, hats and scarves are a good idea too.

Obviously, in heavy rain or extreme wind the children will be inside.

The same goes for mornings – we will bring the children in in extreme weather but generally, they will be outside.

Playground Times

Please remember the playground is staffed from 8.45am – please do not send your child into the playground before then. If you require your child to be at school before this time, breakfast club is available from 8.30am. Again though, children should not be at school before 8.30am for breakfast club – we don't have any staff working until this time.

Affordability

If affording a winter coat for your child is challenging please contact us in confidence and we will try to help and advise. Winter can be a challenging time financially in general – please contact us if you require any support over winter and Christmas. NLC Financial Inclusion Team can also help. Call: 01698 493170 or Email: fit@northlan.gov.uk