



St. Joseph's Primary School
42 Castle Street
Lisburn
BT274XE

'Being the best that we can be'

What's happening next week?

Monday 10 December 2018	Tuesday 11 December 2018	Wednesday 12 December 2018	Thursday 13 December 2018	Friday 14 December 2018
Primary 7 Trip: Bowling & Cinema Christmas Bazaar 5.30pm – 7.30pm	P2 Miss McAnerney visiting Santa in Lisburn's Linen Centre at 9.30am P2 Mrs Awada visiting Santa in Lisburn's Linen Centre at 11am	Christmas Dinner Day Primary 7 Shared Education Day: SUBS: Mrs O'Hare: Miss Leonard and Mrs McCambridge: Mrs Twene Pottery at Lisburn Arts Centre: P4 Mrs Connolly and P6 Mrs Gartland P4 Mrs Hanna visiting Santa in Lisburn's Linen Centre at 11am	Foundation Stage Christmas Show 9.30am Mrs Awada at Playful Learning in Practice Day 3 Course: Sub: Miss Leonard P3 Miss Clarke visiting Santa in Lisburn's Linen Centre at 9.30am P3 Mrs Gould visiting Santa in Lisburn's Linen Centre at 11am St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Hamper Collection	Foundation Stage Christmas Show 9.30am P5 swimming last session today! Choir Carol Singing in Lisburn City Centre at 11.15am P4 Mrs Connolly visiting Santa in Lisburn's Linen Centre at 11am

Adverse Weather Policy

As winter is well and truly here, I thought it would be wise to share our adverse weather policy with you at this stage.

This policy sets out the school's action plan for adverse weather. In times of extreme weather, such as a heavy snowfall, the Principal and Senior Leadership Team will consider the checklist below to see if it is necessary to close the school

The Principal and Senior Leadership Team will begin the process by answering these questions related to the safety of pupils and staff:

1. Can pupils and staff access the school building safely?
2. Can pupils and staff be evacuated in an emergency?
3. In an emergency, could the Emergency Services access the school?
4. Is the area designated for disembarkation from transport safe for pupils?
5. Transport – can buses, meal deliveries, etc., reach the school, particularly if the unforeseen circumstances affect a large proportion of pupils?
6. If a limited number of staff and pupils can attend, is the Pupil Teacher Ratio acceptable? An acceptable PTR would be 1:30
7. Have local weather forecasts and road conditions, including those for areas from which staff will be travelling, been declared hazardous?

Having considered each question carefully, the Senior Leadership team will complete a Risk Assessment based on the answers. They will make their decision based on answers of more than 1 'No' to any of the 7 questions

If a decision is made to close

- Here in St. Joseph's P.S. we have a text message service to inform parents if the school is closed and again when the decision is taken to re-open
- All parent contacts will be sent a text message
- Radio Stations – BBC Radio Ulster will also be informed
- We will use our twitter feed to communicate the closure



I really and truly hope that I do not have to access this policy this year. I do love to see the snow but only at the weekends!

Have a lovely weekend.

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