

Snow School Closures: Yes Or No?

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Pupil's absences sky-rocket with more snow days

As continuous cold weather approaches throughout the winter season, school closures are increasing. This affected school children across the nation. Teachers made a decision to close schools for kids safety.



Parents and guardians all chose to whether they agreed on the decision to make the final call. This must have been a very hard choice to make but at the end of the day it's about our children's safety. Some parents took to social media to discuss their opinion on the debate.

Miss Dee, a maths teacher from Whitecross, explained her opinion: "I think schools are a safe environment, sometimes I believe it is safer than home." When asked as a teacher, if she feels as though missing school days puts students significantly behind, she argued that this was not the case due to online resources, as they are just as beneficial for catch up work.

Kids kept fingers crossed for the news that wintry weather has closed their school, but for parents alarm bells were ringing because they are now suddenly stuck with child care problems. Mrs Mynors, from Whitecross School, an English teacher, briefly discussed this dilemma due to being a parent of two herself, saying that as a mum herself it's a complete nightmare: "For most parents it is easy for time off as most workplaces are very understanding."

When questioned on the continuous effect in schools across the county she said: "Teachers are the most affected as they have the problem with being behind in certain lessons they were teaching that day.

However, head teachers have the most difficult decision of all as they have to make the call to shut the school."

Despite this, as unpredictable weather approaches, it is not certain that snow is going to be a repetitive situation that comes up every year in the winter season. Therefore precautions and road developments aren't an appropriate money spender. Mrs Mynors explained how she doesn't think school development is a priority onsite. Paying for expensive equipment, for something you aren't going to use for 20 years may be a loss of finance.

As a conclusion, school closures are important for children's safety and education. It is understandable that kids are the ones that have the most enjoyment out of the day even if their parents are stressing where to send them! Whether the reason may be walking to school in the conditions or driving, some reasons may level out the good and bad, but schools main priority is the safety of their children.