

A STARTING PLACE

SNOW DAY VIRTUAL GUIDELINES

1. In the event of inclement weather or the need for an emergency closing, A Starting Place will pivot to remote learning. Remote instruction is defined in regulations as both synchronous (live) and asynchronous (worksheets/activities in the Google classroom) learning.
2. Decisions will be made as soon as possible - if weather-related and no later than 7 A.M. A Starting Place will send out a notification via our one call now system. Please be sure to sign up for these notifications (**Text ALERT to 22300 to Opt-in for text messaging**) as we send out important announcements using this system. The message will also be changed on our telephone answering system advising the status of school for the day.
3. Your child's teacher will send you an email address for your child. It is important that you set up this email address right away. Do not wait until the last minute as we cannot provide the best help to you during a remote event. If you have trouble setting up the email prior to a Virtual Day please contact the school office (845-735-3066) or our IT Department at it@astartingplace.com
4. Your child's email address is the only way you will be allowed to enter the Google Classroom or Google Meet for therapy.
5. Your teacher will then invite you to your child's Google Classroom using the child's school email address. You must accept this invitation to be added as a class participant. The schedule for snow day classes is posted in the classroom, and to join the class click on the area that says "Join."

The classroom contains activities you can complete on your own as well as serving as the platform for a “live” class. Your child’s teacher will also put in your child’s backpack a snow day packet. Please leave it in the backpack until needed.

6. The classroom staff will also send home a snow day schedule of times for class, literacy, and music.
7. If your child receives therapy, the therapist will send you a separate link for therapy. Just like in school, your therapist pulls your child for services, there may be a conflict when we are virtual for snow. *Please go to therapy at the scheduled time; your teacher will understand.*
8. If you encounter technical difficulties during inclement weather you can reach us at either it@astartingplace.com, frontdesk@astartingplace.com or text us at 845-474-2351. Do not call the school. Please be aware that we are not in the office and are not able to pick up messages left at the school phone number (845-735-3066) until we are back in the building. We will do our best to help you, but help is limited as we are not in the building, so please set up your email right away.