

# St John the Evangelist Catholic Primary School, Bradford



## Adverse Weather Policy

### Mission Statement

St. John's is a place where we meet Jesus. Everyone is enabled to fulfil their unique potential and together we celebrate being part of God's creation in all we think, say and do.

In our school everyone is respected and cherished and differences are valued.

Each member of our community is supported to truly reflect the person of Jesus

## Emergency Procedures for Severe Weather

### Parents

#### **Heavy Overnight Snow Conditions**

If we have to close the school due to bad weather you will receive a text message as soon as possible to advise you, it will also be announced on the Pulse Radio station, Bradford Schools Online and the school website.

#### **Daytime Snow Conditions Affecting the Area**

If the weather turns bad during the school day we will text you and ask you to come and collect your child.

#### **Emergency Supervision**

The school will not close until all the children are safely collected.

You can also make the choice at any time to come and collect your child if you wish to do so.

**It would be preferable for parents to arrive at the school to collect children without telephoning first. This way the telephone lines are not jammed by incoming calls.**

We do try to keep the school open during bad weather however if conditions would cause a danger to children, parents or staff we would take the decision to close the school. Before and after school opening hours, parents are responsible for ensuring their children do not slide on the school playground.

If school is open a path will be cleared to allow parents and children to walk safely to the cloakroom doors; our guidelines are for this path to be approx 3 foot wide and it will be cleared and gritted – other pathways which are made by children or adults may not be gritted so would not be considered safe to walk on.

We will also publish information regarding closure on our school website

[www.stjohntheevangelistrc.co.uk](http://www.stjohntheevangelistrc.co.uk).

Parents acting on the assumption that the school would be closed without gaining confirmation or failing to inform school of the circumstances that prevent the child coming into school risks their child being registered as an un-authorised absence.

Where the school is officially closed, your child will not receive an absence mark so will not affect their attendance.

### **Staff**

In the case of very bad weather, the decision to close the school will be made by the Headteacher in consultation with the Chair of Governors. You will be sent a text message to inform you of the decision as soon as possible.

If the school is opening but conditions mean it is impossible for you to leave home at the normal time you are expected to make your way in as soon as it is safe to do so.

If for any reason you are unable to get into school please inform Megan Corley (School Administrator) as soon as you can.

Failure to turn up to work may result in an unpaid leave of absence.

In the event of deteriorating weather conditions during the day, the Headteacher will make the decision as to which staff may need to leave the school early, if possible, if they live in areas where conditions are becoming serious or less accessible in poor weather.

This policy has been approved and adopted by the Governing Body.

Signed on behalf of the Governing Body..... Date.....