

## **St Thomas More Catholic Primary, A Voluntary Academy.**

### **Severe Weather Policy.**

In the event of severe weather it is always the school's priority to remain open and as such the site team will work to ensure that the site is accessible and safe.

There are however rare instances where the school might not be able to open as normal as a result of severe weather. In such instances any changes to the usual opening arrangements will be communicated on the school website (www.) and on Sheffield City Council website (www). A text system is also in place to let parents and staff know any changes to the usual opening arrangements. Where no updates have been provided, parents should assume that the school is open as normal.

In the event of severe weather during the school day that causes us to be concerned about children's welfare in relation to returning home, we will again text for immediate collection and update the school website.

It is always difficult to make the right decision due to the unpredictability of the weather, we will aim to do this as swiftly as we can. Please rest assured that any decisions taken will be based around ensuring that children and staff are kept as safe as possible.

#### **What can you do to help?**

- Ensure school have up to date contact details, particularly mobile numbers for our testing system
- Provide a packed lunch from home in case school meals cannot be transported
- Given the event of bad weather, the school advises all pupils, staff and visitors to wrap up warmly and wear sensible footwear
- If you are a working parent or feel you may have a problem with a sudden earlier pick up, please could you put a back-up plan in place with another family member or parent and inform the school.

Many thanks for your support in helping St Thomas More Catholic Primary remain open during periods of severe weather.

Please see attached gritting plan for details of priority gritting/snow clearing areas of school grounds.



Key

- Priority 1
- Priority 2
- Priority 3

**A1** School Building

**C4** Mobile Classroom

User of the site should make themselves aware of the gritting priority scheme to ensure safe access to the site

Priority 1 will be for immediate access .

Note the gate to the end of the field will remain locked until gritting has been completed at priority 2

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