

## **POLICY ON ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL DURING SEVERE WEATHER OR EXTREME CIRCUMSTANCES**

### **Severe Weather**

Severe weather is defined as heavy snowfalls, flooding, ice or fog, which render travel extremely hazardous.

The Headteacher's priority will be to keep the school open in severe weather and other emergency situations.

### **Safety on the site**

In snow and ice, we will make every attempt to make a gritted pathway in the school grounds, to provide a safe walkway. This cannot always be possible, if staff are themselves late to school. We cannot grit the paths beyond the school gate.

Everyone is expected to use caution and common sense in looking after their own safety.

### **School Closure**

The Headteacher, or his representative, may close the school if it is judged to be dangerous to pupils, parents or staff to keep open, for example

1. If too few staff are able to get to school because of travel difficulties (unlike the children, many staff live long distances from the school);
2. If the site or surrounding area are considered too dangerous for travel.

### **Keeping parents informed**

We will tell you as early as we know if the school is to be closed.

We will inform you as soon as we know by text message.

### **Your responsibilities**

You must keep the school office informed about your phone numbers. If you do not have access to a mobile phone, you must keep in contact with a parent at school who does.

You could check the website or phone the school if you are unsure at any stage. Please be aware that we have 440 pupils and 70 staff, so the phone lines will be busy.