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Dear Parents and carers,

## **BAD WEATHER/SNOW SCHOOL PROCEDURES**

As you are all probably aware, the weather forecast has been predicting the possibility of snow over the next few days so we feel it is important to highlight our snow and bad weather closure policy.

St Peter's Primary School's policy aims to maintain safe access across the school site as far as reasonably practical within the resources available. All reasonable efforts will be made to ensure the school remains open as normal and partial closure will always be considered before the decision is made to completely close the school. However, if a risk assessment of the school deems the area or access unsafe or if bad weather causes disruption to traffic and public transport (as a number of staff live a considerable distance from school) then we may well have to implement our snow day procedures.

We will notify parents of any school closures by:

- **Text**
- **Regular updates on the school website ([www.stpeters.brighton-hove.sch.uk](http://www.stpeters.brighton-hove.sch.uk))**
- **In addition, we will inform Heart FM (102.4 – 103.5 FM).**

**Parents will be notified as early as possible and we encourage parents to keep an eye on our school website in bad weather as this will be updated regularly.**

**School based after school clubs will also be cancelled if the school is not open.**

**Breakfast Club runs separately at St Mary's and although we will notify you of any closures as soon as we are informed, we would advise parents to keep an eye on St Mary's website in poor weather as well.**

All absence due to adverse weather is coded as an **authorised** absence and as a result your child's attendance rate **will not go down**.

Information on the council's winter weather planning can be found at:

<https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/parking-and-travel/roads-and-highways/winter-weather>

The council provides information on walking and driving safely when there is snow and ice at:

<https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/parking-and-travel/roads-and-highways/winter-safety-snow-and-ice#walking>

Regards,

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HEADTEACHER**