

# St John's Catholic Primary School



## **BAD WEATHER POLICY**

*"Christ is the Centre of our School Community where we live, love and learn together"*

It is the policy of the school to make every effort to remain open whenever possible. The decision to close the school either before or during the school day will be made by the Head Teacher.

The school will only be closed if one or more of the following conditions apply:

1. Insufficient staff are able to come in to keep the school running safely.
2. Conditions on site are dangerous
3. Conditions are considered to be or are anticipated to become too hazardous for travel.

If the school is to close:

1. The closure will be recorded on the Liverpool City Council Website.
2. All local radio stations will be informed. The information will be displayed on their websites also.
3. Parents will receive a text.
4. The school will also update its own website regarding the closure.

The school will make all practicable efforts to keep parents informed as to the situation. We do appreciate that such conditions and the uncertainty places very considerable difficulties upon parents. However parents are expected to check the website and/or make themselves aware of the radio broadcasts when it is clear that a closure is a possibility.

The school appreciates that during bad weather children may arrive later than normal; parents should endeavour to contact the school to let them know they are on their way or if likely to be delayed. Parents acting on the assumption that the school would be closed without gaining confirmation, or failing to inform the school of the circumstances that prevents the child coming into school risks their child being registered as an un-authorised absence. Where the school is officially closed, all absence is counted as authorised absence. In the event of the school having to close during the day due to unforeseen worsening weather or similar unforeseen circumstances, parents will be contacted by text and phone.

The school will endeavour to ensure pathways are cleared salted/gritted. However staff, parents, children and members of the public should still proceed with caution. During significant adverse weather conditions, the School Hall will be open from 8.40am for parents to bring their children inside. All parents should enter the school with their child directly via the main entrance by the school office, and report to the office before taking themselves and their child into the hall. Parents may be required to supervise their children in the hall until staff are ready to formally take supervision of the children. Parents are asked to leave the school immediately as soon as the staff have taken over.

The health and welfare of our whole school community is of paramount importance. We would ask for your support, patience and understanding in difficult weather conditions.