

## **St Paul's CE Primary School**

### **Adverse Weather Conditions - Policy**

During the winter months there are occasions when we can experience adverse weather conditions. It is always very difficult when we have snow and ice to determine how this will affect travel etc and I would ask that you follow the policy below if we experience any bad weather over the next few weeks.

If at all possible the school will remain open and staff will be here as normal.

**Check our website and check your phone for a text from the school.**

**You could also listen to local radio stations including Key 103 and your Tameside radio station for information if you feel that a problem may arise from any adverse weather conditions. Notifications will be read out at regular intervals. Please also check the school website and Tameside Council website.**

We always hope to be open as normal; however, we feel you should be aware of the situation to avoid confusion should severe weather conditions cause disruption.

**The Policy at St Paul's CE Primary School for adverse weather conditions is that:**

#### **At the start of the school day**

- The Headteacher will make a decision based on local conditions as to whether it is safe to open the school normally by 7:45am.
- To enable the school to open it may be necessary to delay the start time and again these details would be given to parents via the website/parentmail text or local radio.
- Parents are asked to note that it may not be possible for staff to answer the telephone and we would ask that you do not call before 8.45am. Listening to the local radio for details of any closure is the preferred method of communication.

#### **During the school day**

- Once a decision has been made to open the school it will **not** close during the day, unless in exceptional circumstances.
- If the weather becomes severe during the day then parents may contact the school if they feel that they would like to collect their child early for safety reasons (ie travelling/walking long distances or collecting other children from local schools).
- Parents will then be advised that children can be collected from 1.30pm onwards (ie after lunch).

- The school will remain open until 3.15pm; however, if parents are delayed due to adverse weather conditions then they should contact the school if possible to give an anticipated arrival time.
- Children will be supervised until a parent/carer is able to collect them.
- Parents must consider their own safety, traffic congestion and safety of others in these circumstances and understand that children at St Paul's CE will be cared for until it is possible for them to be collected.

We do hope this clarifies the policy for inclement weather at St Paul's CE if you have further questions please do not hesitate to contact the school office.