

## **Arrangements for Adverse Weather**

The following arrangements are put into operation at school, during days when we experience disruption caused by adverse weather, for example severe snow.

### **Closure Day Information**

- A text message is sent to parents via ClassCharts before 07.00 if the school is going to close
- Information will be posted on the school website
- Parents are asked **NOT** call the school as staff will be busy and cannot answer the phone
- If conditions deteriorate during a school day a decision may be made to close the school early - a text message will be sent parents to advise of any changes
- If you do not hear from the school before 07.00 and there is no notification on the website, you can assume it is a normal day and we are OPEN

### **Restricted Site Access and Priority Path Clearance**

On days we are OPEN but there is some disruption from snow/ice, we will do the following:

- Clear and grit a path from the pedestrian gate to the front entrance, student entrance and other buildings
- Parents should advise their children to use the gritted paths only – our priority is to make safe passage to buildings – the whole playground will NOT be cleared of snow, nor gritted

On snow days we ask that parents and children DO NOT arrive at school early, i.e. before 8.20am to avoid congregating in school foyer before classes begin. Only children who attend Breakfast Club or scheduled morning activities should arrive before 8.20am.

### **Clothing and Behaviour**

Student should wear clothing appropriate for the weather. This includes winter coats, hats, gloves etc.. It is also important to wear non-slip shoes – therefore, an exception will be made and students will be allowed to wear winter boots to ensure their feet stay dry and that they do not slip on any icy surfaces to, from and in school.

The throwing of snowball is strictly forbidden unless in an organised, supervised setting. Any students found to be doing this will be dealt with in line with the school Behaviour Policy.

### **Early Closing for Snow and Severe Weather Dismissals**

If the school needs to close early due to deteriorating weather conditions, then a text message will be sent to parents and an announcement will appear on the school website.

Thank you for your patience. We will always do everything possible to keep the school open throughout the winter without compromising the safety of your children.