



## St James the Less RC Primary School

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# Winter Readiness

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This letter is to explain our school procedures during adverse weather conditions.

### SNOW PROCEDURES – A Checklist

- **Please assume that school WILL be open when it snows.**
  - ☛ There is no need to ring school to ask if we are open. If school is closed a message will be sent, in the first instance, via the school message facility. Our school website and Class Dojo will be updated and later, Lancashire County Council will list our school closure. We will NOT contact any radio stations as our other methods are more efficient than radio broadcast.
  - ☛ School Closure DURING the school day. If the school is open and full of pupils we WILL NOT close the school due to snow. Experience tells us that it is better to wait and let the weather settle before rushing around to collect at the first sign of snow.
- **If possible, use a mixture of car travel and walking.**
  - ☛ Our school area, particularly Unity Way, is quite hazardous with only light snowfall. You SHOULD avoid driving down Unity Way during ice conditions. Park on main roads and walk the remaining distance. You should try to do this on any day.
- **Don't worry about being late**
  - ☛ Obviously, snow will impact on journey times so allow extra time for the journey. Ensure your child attends school even if you are very late. We would much rather they attended part of a day than miss the whole day.
- **Dress your child for the weather**
  - ☛ If your child has suitable footwear, like wellingtons and snow-boots, please send these to school or ensure your child walks to school in them. All the children will be given adequate opportunity to change their footwear on arrival in school and for break times and home time. Please note that it will always be the school's intention to send children outside during cold spells and appropriate attire will ensure their comfort during very cold weather. Hats, gloves, jackets and warm footwear are a 'must' when the cold weather strikes!
- **You decide what is safe!**
  - ☛ Only you can decide if it is safe to embark on a journey. Above all else, your child's safety and yours is the most important consideration. Stay safe!
- **HELP US!!!!!!**
  - ☛ If you have some spare time to come and help push snow off paths, then please do. Once paths are clear we clear playgrounds so children can always get out. Just turn up with a snow shovel and clear whatever you can.

Warmest regards

Mr G Hall  
Headteacher

