

## **Bethany School Snow Policy – Emergency Closing Procedure**

Bethany School will try to remain open during periods of bad weather and will not close unnecessarily, however we understand the difficulties of traveling around Sheffield when snow has settled on the roads.

It may become necessary to close the school for safety reasons e.g.

- The health and safety of pupils and staff are compromised
- There are insufficient staff in attendance to manage the school safely
- There is significant damage to premises, or failure of essential utilities
- Adverse weather conditions dictate early closing

If the school has to close we will endeavour to inform families by 9pm the evening before forecast snow, or by 7.30am.

The Head teacher will inform staff, governors and parents by email. The Bethany School Parents and Teachers Facebook page will be updated.

The same procedures will be followed if it becomes clear during the day that School should close early and to advise parents of the re-opening day and time.

If you are unsure about whether the School will be closed, please contact the school office or Head teacher directly and check your emails and the Bethany School Facebook Group.

Families are encouraged to make an effort to attend school in snowy weather, where it is safe to do so and wearing adequate winter clothing for outdoor play. However we recognise that those travelling from some distance will need to use their own judgement about conditions in their local area. Parents and staff members should take the decision that is best for their family, and may need to stay at home. If snow arrives during the school day, worried parents may collect their children early or for secondary pupils, contact the school to agree that they may leave early via public transport/on foot.

Let's pray regularly for safety for parents, children and staff on our journeys to and from Bethany School.

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