



BAD WEATHER STATEMENT

Dear Parent/Carer

At certain times of the year, we are more likely to experience inclement weather; I would like to remind you of our emergency procedures in the event that there is a need for school closure.

We will do everything possible in order to remain open and to keep the site as safe as possible for all users. However, there are occasions where the site is simply unsafe or the state of the roads is such that staff are unable to get to work, resulting in the need to close.

We will use our text messaging 'Teacher2Parents' in the first instance, making it important that we have your email address and up to date mobile telephone number. If you have not supplied this or have changed your mobile number, please pass this information to the main school office in order that we can update our records.

In addition, we will send the latest information on our ClassDojo site. Please bear in mind that there can be delays with this service as their lines are extremely busy when the weather is very poor.

If you do not receive or hear any messages to the contrary, please assume that the school is open.

Please ensure your child has appropriate clothing and footwear, ideally outdoor shoes and indoor shoes, gloves and hats.

We always receive telephone calls at the first sign of snowfall and these calls are unnecessary, as we will use the communication routes outlined earlier if we need to close.

There are occasions when the weather deteriorates very dramatically during the day and we need to close early and arrange for pupils to leave earlier. Such occurrences are rare, but nevertheless can and do happen. In the event that this course of action is necessary, we will contact you via email or text.

We will of course keep any pupils safe at school until they are collected.

We recognise that any school closure causes significant disruption and it is only ever used as a last resort.

On behalf of all at Sacred Heart Catholic Voluntary Academy.