

ADVERSE WEATHER POLICY - SNOW

We would ask that you keep this in a safe place for future reference.

Every effort will be made to keep school open at all times, but regard to children's safety must take precedence.

In the event of heavy snowfall during the school day

- a. The local situation is monitored by the school office who receive bulletins from the police and local bus companies as to the state of the roads. School will respond to their advice.
- b. When it would appear that weather conditions may be particularly bad in certain areas, e.g. Weir or Turn, the children from these areas will be sent home immediately provided they have access to home or other place of safety. Before they leave, children must indicate their destination if it is not their home.
- c. After school events: clubs, detention, Parents' Evening will be postponed.
- d. Where adverse weather is forecast, pupils should be suitably clothed, and provided with sufficient money to cover 'bus fares home.

In the event of school closure

- e. A decision will be made between 6 am - 7 am as to whether the school should remain open or be closed. In the event of closure, Radio Lancashire (FM95.5 or 104) and GMR.(95.1 FM) will broadcast a message and **parents will receive a text message from the school**. The school website will also carry information.

Enquiries may be made directly to school where a message will be left on the answerphone.

- f. When students have not heard that school is closed and arrive at school, they should come into school and sign in, so that we know of their whereabouts. School will endeavour to contact parents and arrange for the students to return home.
Should a student arrive at school and not be able to return home, s/he may remain in school until such time as return home is possible.
- g. On subsequent days, a decision re closure will be made before 7 am, and a message broadcast over Radio Lancashire and GMR. If the school is closed. **Parents will receive a text message from the school**. The school website will also carry information.

