St Bartholomew's Church of England Primary School

Winter Preparedness Policy

Action	Date
Document reviewed	October 2026
Reviewed By	Sarah Irvine
Adopted by Governors	October 2026
Next Review Date	October 2027

St Bartholomew's C of E (VA) Primary School

Follow Jesus in all we do

School Vision

We seek to ensure that by following Jesus, each individual is inspired to shine in all areas of their educational and spiritual development.

'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.' (Jeremiah 29:11)

Mission Statement

Follow Jesus in all we do

'When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life".' (John 8:12)

Core Values

Our school is underpinned by 6 core values;

Courage
'Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.' (Joshua 1.9)

Friendship
'Love each other as I have loved you.' (John 15:12)

Service
'Serve one another in love' (Galatians 5.13)

Forgiveness
'Do not judge, and you will not be judged; Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned; Forgive, and you will be forgiven' (Luke 6:37)

Justice
'And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.' (Micah 6:9)

Love
'Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.' (Chronicles 16:34)

Our view is that school should be open to pupils at all times and will only close in exceptional circumstances.

During the winter months, we start to receive warnings from weather forecasters that severe weather conditions may be on the way.

Procedures for a School Closure

During the winter if we have had an overnight fall of snow the school will monitor the situation taking into account the advice from the Met office, local Police, Local Education Authority and Blackburn Diocese. We will also consult Governors.

Any decision to close, therefore, would be in extreme cases only when the safety of the children and staff is at risk.

If a school closure is necessary, the following action is taken:

- A notice will be uploaded onto the **school website; www.stbartholomewsceprimary.com**
- A notice will be placed on the school gates.
- The following radio stations will be contacted so that our school name can be added to their newsflash: Radio Lancashire (95.5FM/103.9 FM, DAB) and 2BR (99.8 FM).
- Phone calls will be welcomed from 8.00 am to the school office.
- A notice will be posted on the Lancashire County Council website: (www.lancashire.gov.uk) search 'School Closures' to locate the appropriate page.

We understand that shutting the school causes many issues to many parents/carers therefore we work hard to keep our school open and the decision to close will be made before **8.00 am**. Be assured that we will always endeavour to open school where safety permits.

Review Date: -

This procedure will be updated on an ad hoc basis as and when circumstances require.