

St Katharine's CE (VA) Primary School
Adverse weather conditions
Guide for parents

During the winter months there are occasions when we can experience adverse weather conditions. It is always very difficult when we have snow and ice to determine how this will affect travel etc. and we would ask that you follow the policy below if we experience any bad weather this winter.

If at all possible, the school will remain open and staff will be here as normal. Depending on weather conditions some staff may be late in arriving, so please do not arrive on these days until 8.45 a.m.

Please check the school website and/or Twitter account for information, until you are ready to leave for school, if you feel that a problem may arise from any adverse weather conditions.

The Policy at St Katharine's for adverse weather conditions is that:

At the start of the school day

- ◆ The Headteacher or designated member of staff will make a decision based on local conditions as to whether it is safe to open the school and considering staff numbers.
- ◆ To enable the school to open, it may be necessary to delay the start time and again these details would be given to parents via the school website/Twitter and also a text will be sent to all parents that we have mobile numbers for. It should be noted however that on occasions, networks can be very busy in times of bad weather and messages can be delayed.
- ◆ Parents are asked to note that it may not be possible for staff to answer the telephone and we would ask that you do not call the school. Checking the school website and/or Twitter account for details of any closure is the preferred method of communication.

Closure and contact during the school day:

- ◆ In the exceptional circumstance that the weather becomes severe during the day and we need to close the school early, we would contact parents by text, or telephone if we have no mobile number.

Advice if school is open during adverse weather conditions:

- ◆ Please walk to school with your child where possible
- ◆ Make sure your child has both shoes and wellington boots (or spare shoes) and also some spare trousers so they can be allowed to play in the snow.