



BARFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Dear Parent/Carer,

Adverse Weather Arrangements for Barford Primary School **Information for Parents**

Procedures regarding adverse weather affecting *the opening and closing* of the school

In the event of adverse weather, all attempts will be made to keep the school open. If the Local Authority decides to close all the schools, we have been assured that the media –RadioWM and Free Radio – as well as social media - will issue that news as early as possible.

However, there are likely to be instances when local conditions will force the closure of our own school. This decision will lie with the Head Teacher and our Chair Of Governors who will announce the school closure as early as possible on the school website (www.barfordprimaryschool.co.uk), on local radio stations and through our MCAS texting system or by email. Both systems send a message to the first two contacts on your child's contact sheet. (Please ensure your up to date telephone contact number and email address is with the office) Please sign up to MCAS – if you haven't already.

The following conditions will be taken into account when making a decision about school closure:

1. Insufficient staff are able to come in to keep the school running safely
2. Conditions on site are dangerous
3. Conditions are considered to be or are anticipated to later become too hazardous for travel (eg, an amber or red weather warning, specifically for the Birmingham area).

Remote Learning and Teaching

In event of a school closure (regardless of the reasons,) children will need to access Numbots, TT Rockstars or SATS Companion(Year 6.) All children should have an Accelerated Reader book or a Little Wandle book and a reading book for pleasure. Please listen to your child read and talk about the book with them.

Procedures regarding adverse weather *during* the school day

In the event of extreme adverse weather conditions developing during the school day, the decision may be taken to allow parents to collect children from school before the end of the school day.

Only under exceptional circumstances will the school close early. Wherever possible, parents will be sent a text or email to inform them that they may pick up children after a given time. If at all possible, this will be after 1.30 pm to allow registration of pupils after the school lunchtime and to ensure the safety of all the pupils.



School opening and closing during snowy and icy conditions

In the event of snowfall or icy conditions, we will reduce the number of entrance and exit paths around school because we have a large site at Barford Primary School and it is not always possible to clear or grit areas.

Dismissal at the end of the day should be from their usual gates but we will send you a text if this is not possible (eg walkways are not clear and are still unsafe.)

Barford Road can be particularly treacherous during snowfall. If you have to use a motor vehicle we would be most grateful if you could **avoid this road.**

Yours sincerely,



Miss Joanne Davies
Headteacher

