**All Saints Church School**

I am sure you are aware that there is a possibility that the weather could become a little challenging later this week. This may amount to nothing too dramatic; however we need to have contingencies in place in case of the worst.

**Should very severe weather conditions occur, I would be grateful if parents would observe the following procedure:**

The school will remain open at all times and children will be expected to attend school unless –

A) You have previously been notified of school closure

B) Closure information has been posted under “Emergency School Notices” on:

<https://slp.somerset.org.uk/Lists/Emergency%20School%20Closures%20Today/ClosedToday.aspx>

C) Closure information has been posted on the Bath and Wells Multi Academy Trust website <http://www.bathwellsmat.org/>

D) Closure information has been posted on the School’s own website – <https://allsaintsprimary.j2bloggy.com/>

E) Radio announcements have been broadcast, listing the schools as specifically being closed. Please listen to local radio station. **Heart FM Radio (102.6FM) and on Midwest Radio (105.6FM)**

F) Children live too far and conditions are too bad even to attempt a journey

Parents are expected to check the website and/or make themselves aware of the radio broadcasts when it is clear that a closure is a possibility.

The school appreciates that during bad weather children may arrive later than normal; parents should endeavour to contact the school to let them know they are on their way if likely to be delayed. The school recognises there will be isolated instances where families are cut off, even where the clear majority of children can get into school. In such instances parents should inform the school of the circumstances of this exceptional situation, as the school has a duty to clarify the circumstances of each case so as to be able to formally authorise the absence to the Local Authority.

Parents acting on the assumption that the school would be closed without gaining confirmation, or failing to inform the school of the circumstances that prevents the child coming into school risks their child being registered as an unauthorised absence.

Where the school is officially closed, all pupils absence is counted as authorised absence.

In the event of snow some pathways will be cleared and salted. Parents, children and visitors will be made aware that pathways, even where cleared, do remain dangerous.

Before and after school opening hours parents are responsible for ensuring their children do not slide on the school playground.

We will endeavour to make a decision about school closure as early in the day as practical, ideally before 7am. PLEASE DO NOT PHONE THE SCHOOL.

After a period of closure, information will be posted on The Bath and Wells Multi Academy Trust website and the school website.

**In the event of the school having to close during the day due to unforeseen worsening weather or similar unforeseen circumstances**, parents will be contacted by phone either at home or work and asked to collect their child/ren. Such an early release will only be contemplated in extreme circumstances. Children will not be sent home unless accompanied by a parent or adult nominated by a parent.

It is unlikely that a prediction will be made about the day following a day of closure due to severe weather. Every effort will be made to keep the school open and parents should ensure that children should attend.

The bus companies also list on their websites whether they will be running school transport services.

Thank you for understanding this.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Sharon Bowditch

Headteacher