



## Blidworth Oaks Primary School and Foundation Unit

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### School Procedures for Severe Weather (e.g. Snow/Ice) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

The FAQs below can be used to understand the school's procedure during severe weather and particularly if you are unsure if the school is closed or not.

#### **What should I do if I am unsure if school is closed or open?**

We endeavour to keep our school open in all weathers. However, if the weather is bad and you are unsure, please check our website as this will state on the home page whether our school is closed. **If it is not stated on the website, then we are open.** We will also add information to our Facebook page: Blidworth Oaks Primary School

#### **When is a decision made as to whether the school is closed or not?**

If a decision is made to close the school, we will make it as early as we possibly can. We aim for at least 7am on the day or, wherever possible, the day before. However, sometimes last minute decisions must be made based on staff numbers or other safety factors that arise.

#### **How will I be informed if a decision is made to close the school?**

We communicate a decision to close the school in several ways in order that the message makes it through to you:

- Text and email message
- Gateway app message
- School website
- Facebook page - Blidworth Oaks Primary School
- BBC Radio Nottingham (Live Radio Updates and listed on Website)

#### **What if I can't get my child to school because of poor weather?**

Only you can make the decision as to whether you can get your child to school or not based on your personal circumstances. **Don't panic**; please contact us at a convenient time if this is the case and try to get your child in as soon as you are able to. We will make a special note of this against your child's attendance.

#### **What if we are running late because of poor weather?**

In bad weather such as snow or ice, we will extend our register until 9.30am to give you extra time to get into school without incurring a late mark. If you arrive after 9.30am, and this is due to special circumstances, let us know and we will make a note of this against your child's attendance.

#### **What else can we do?**

- Please walk to school wherever possible during ice or snow as this avoids cars getting stuck or losing control around school. **Haywood Avenue can be particularly hazardous in icy weather.**
- Please always take care on the footpaths around school. We try our best to clear these of ice and snow but there can still be slippery patches.
- Please ensure children bring the right footwear and clothing with them, including a change of shoes or clothes if appropriate.



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