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Adverse Weather Policy

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Introduction

The school will make every effort to remain open whenever possible.

The decision to close the school will be made by the Headteacher. The school will only be closed if one or more of the following conditions apply.

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 to travel.

In the Event of Heavy Snow Before the School Day Starts

Parents

When school closure is a possibility parents should find out whether the school is open by:-

- Checking the school website <http://www.barrowhall.co.uk> and Facebook Page
- Checking the (WBC) Warrington Borough Council Website and their school closures page
https://www.warrington.gov.uk/info/201107/emergencies/1320/school_closures
- Listening to Wire FM (107.2) or logging on to their School Closures page
<http://www.wirefm.com/local/school-closures/>

If it is decided that the school will open, but the road conditions are difficult, parents should ring the school to advise that they are likely to be late.

If parents assume that the school is closed, but it is actually open, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised unless the Headteacher is satisfied that there are exceptional circumstances.

The School

The Headteacher will decide whether the school will open taking into account the conditions at the school and the ability of staff to get there.

If the Headteacher decides the school will close they will ensure an update to the WBC website, WIRE FM, school website and Facebook Page are made accordingly and will ensure a message to staff and parents via the Parent Mail system is sent advising them of the closure.

It is important for Parents to undertake the actions above though in case the Text2Parents system is slow due to the number of schools trying to use it.

The school fully appreciates that in very bad weather children may arrive later than usual.

Exceptional Circumstances

The School recognises that there may be cases where families are “cut off” due to particular difficulties in the area in which they live.

In such cases parents should advise the Headteacher of their particular circumstances so she can justify to the Local Authority why the absence should be approved.

In the event of heavy snowfall during the school day

If there is heavy snowfall during the school day the Headteacher will decide whether it is necessary to close the school.

The Office will contact parents and ask that they pick their child/children up from school as soon as possible.

The Staff that live furthest from the school will be permitted to leave at the earliest opportunity.

A skeleton staff will remain in school until all of the children have been collected.

If a parent rings requesting they pick their child up early due to the weather, and the decision has not been made to close the school, these requests will be considered on an individual basis by the Headteacher.