



## **Bramhope Primary School revised Snow and Ice Policy**

### **Responsibility**

In the event of severe weather conditions, it is the responsibility of the headteacher (or another member of the SLT) to monitor the potential health and safety risks to pupils, staff and visitors entering the site and to treat the site accordingly. The headteacher will consult with the Superintendent to decide whether the school should close or not.

### **Communication with staff and parents**

In the event of severe weather conditions, the headteacher, in conjunction with the SLT and superintendent, will make a decision regarding possible school closure by 7:15 AM. **Once a decision has been made, staff, parents and carers will receive one of 4 messages at 7:30AM:**

<b>School open</b> message	School is open today ( <i>insert date</i> ) as usual. Please take additional care when bringing your child to the appropriate gate
<b>Late opening</b> message	Due to extreme weather conditions today ( <i>insert date</i> ) many of our staff require additional travelling time to ensure they arrive safely. School will therefore open today ( <i>insert date</i> ) at 10:00 AM. All parents should bring their child to the usual gate on arrival
<b>School closed</b> message	Due to extreme weather conditions and/or limited staffing, school will remain closed for the whole of today ( <i>insert date</i> ) We anticipate school will re-open tomorrow as usual.
<b>Early collection</b> message	As you are aware, extreme weather conditions are forecast today ( <i>insert date</i> ) from ( <i>insert time of day</i> ). <u>School will remain open all day.</u> If you need to collect your child before your usual pick up time, please contact the school office.

We will also post these messages on the school website.



## Remote Learning

Every effort will be made to keep school open. However, as children can only be taught within designated 'bubbles' (groups) this limits our staffing options if a teacher is not available. If a class teacher or HLTA is not available, we may have no choice but to close a bubble.

**In the event of late opening or early closure, parents should access work from the home learning page of our school website. This is also the case if school is closed for one day.** If school is closed for more than one day, class teachers will use Microsoft Teams to facilitate remote learning. When using Microsoft Teams, Children should use their usual logins and wherever possible, class teachers will provide daily work in line with our remote learning policy.

## Late arrivals and early departures

**If children arrive at school late, they must be signed in at the school office in the usual way. Please wear a face mask when entering the school building**

In the event of extreme weather conditions, it may be necessary for some parents/carers to collect their children earlier than their usual pick up time. Please be assured that school will remain open until 3:30pm. If you need to collect your child before then, please contact the school office.

**Children leaving school early must be signed out at the school office, in the usual way.**

## Playtime

In poor weather it is sometimes necessary to keep the children inside at playtimes, especially when the playground is icy. If it is judged safe, pupils may be taken out on to the field if they are wearing suitable wellington boots or walking boots. Please note that in winter, children should have gloves and a hat for playtime

**Throwing snowballs is not permitted in any area of the school by anyone.** This is to ensure the safety of pupils in school.