



Policy for Adverse Weather Conditions

The School may be unable to open for a variety of reasons, including:

- Breakdown in the heating
- Frozen or burst pipes
- Inaccessibility of roads and/or the site due to very heavy snowfall or other adverse conditions

The decision about whether the school should open will also take into account, for example:

- Advice from the police and other agencies about travel conditions and conditions around the school
- Advice from the local authority, as appropriate
- Access to the school site for pedestrians, drivers and emergency vehicles and safety of the site
- Availability of staff

However, where possible, the School will remain open and staff will be here as normal. However due to road conditions, some staff may be late arriving and the start of the school day could be affected. We would ask, therefore, that children do not arrive on these days until 9.30am. (A SchoolPing message will be sent out if all staff are here earlier)

The Policy at St George's for adverse weather conditions is that:

At the start of the school day

- The Chair of Governors and the Headteacher will make a decision based on local conditions as to whether it is safe to open the school.
- To enable the school to open it may be necessary to delay the start time and again these details will be communicated by SchoolPing, so please ensure that you have already registered. We will also communicate via our school website (www.stgeorgesprimary.org) and on Twitter. Our Twitter feed can be found at www.twitter.com/stgeorgessch
- Parents are asked to note that it may not be possible for staff to answer the telephone to all parents, but a recorded message will be left, if possible. Our school website, SchoolPing and Twitter will be our preferred method of communication.

During the school day

- If the weather becomes severe during the day then parents may collect their child early for safety reasons (i.e. travelling/walking long distances or collecting other children from local schools). Children must be signed out at the school office.
- The school will remain open until 3.15pm, however, if parents are delayed due to the adverse weather conditions they should contact the school with an anticipated time of arrival or make alternative arrangements for their child/children to be collected.
- Children will be supervised by a member of staff until a parent or other allocated adult is able to collect them.

- Parents must consider their own safety, traffic congestion and safety of others in these circumstances and understand that children at St George's will be cared for until it is possible for them to be collected.

We hope this clarifies the policy for inclement weather and we ask that you keep this policy for future reference throughout the winter months.



Mary Elton
Chair of Governors



Deirdre Monaghan
Headteacher