St Hilary's Prep School Policy

Adverse Weather Policy

St Hilary's School will make every effort to remain open and operate normally during periods of adverse weather.

The Headmaster will endeavour to make a decision by 7.00am on any morning if the school is to be closed. This will be determined by the conditions of the local roads and access to the site itself. The decision to close will be posted onto the school's website www.sthilarysschool.com and will be sent as a text message by School Post to all staff and pupil primary contacts. If possible, Local Radio will also be informed.

If weather conditions are uncertain and school remains open, a decision to close will be taken as soon as possible after 7.00am. In the absence of notification of closure, parents and staff should assume that the school will be open.

Subsequent daily or more frequent updates, including information of the School reopening, will be posted onto the website and sent as a text message by School Post to all staff and pupil primary contacts. If the school needs to close during the day, as a result of adverse weather conditions, or the school is advised to close as extreme weather is forecast, a School Post message will be sent to all pupil primary contacts and information will be posted on the school website. Pupils will be dismissed, using the usual procedures. Staff will be advised to leave as soon as possible, although the necessary pupil ratios will be maintained at all times, an SLT member (usually the Headmaster or Deputy Head), a First Aider and the DSL or Deputy DSL will remain on site until all pupils have been dismissed.

We actively promote democracy, the rule of the law, individual liberty and mutual respect of those with different faiths and beliefs. These are fundamental British Values which underpin all that we offer, as does our School Motto 'Not for oneself but for all.'

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Person responsible: Duncan Sinclair, Headmaster