

Our school is a Rights Respecting School whereby all respect the United Nations Convention on the rights of the child and the responsibilities that come with those rights.



## **St. Michael in the Hamlet Primary School Snow and Bad Weather Policy (2018 – 2019)**

In the event of disruption caused by snow and bad weather, the prime concern of the school must always be the safety of the pupils and staff.

The decision to close the school will take account of the safety of all our pupils and staff, some of whom travel a great distance to school each day. We will always endeavour to open the school in the event of bad weather, as long as it is safe to do so.

If the school is open in snow or bad weather the decision as to whether or not to send a pupil to school, however, must be at the discretion of the parents, taking into account factors such as local road conditions and the availability of child-care.

In event of bad weather, parents should check whether the school is open before travelling to the site.

There are a number of ways to confirm whether the school is open or closed:-

- Listen for lists of school closures on local radio
- BBC Radio Merseyside 95.8FM OR  
Radio City 96.7FM
- Check the [list of school closures](https://liverpool.gov.uk/crime-prevention-and-emergencies/extreme-weather/) on the Liverpool City Council Website  
<https://liverpool.gov.uk/crime-prevention-and-emergencies/extreme-weather/>
- Check the e-mail address attached to your *Parentmail* account, as we may be able to update parents / carers through *Parentmail*.

If the school is closed, we will try and make a decision as early as possible, and will intend to reopen as soon as we can.

If the school does open, but extreme weather develops during the day, we will aim to remain open until the end of the normal school day at 3.20pm. However this is not always possible when roads are becoming treacherous. In which case parents will be contacted via *Parentmail* and asked to collect their children as soon as possible. Under these conditions we will take verbal permission for their child /ren to be collected by a nominated adult. Normal lessons may be curtailed and the remaining pupils assembled in groups under the supervision of authorised members of staff to await collection.

Staff will always make every reasonable effort to undertake the journey to school. It is appreciated that the journey may take longer than normal and therefore some staff may not be able to arrive before the normal start of the school day. It may also be necessary to ask all children to bring packed lunches if the kitchen staff are unable to reach school safely.

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