

## Burton Road Primary School

### Snow Plan 2024/25

As school leaders we must ensure the safety and wellbeing of all our service users (pupils, families, staff and visitors) and we need to take a number of factors into any decision relating to school opening/closure:

- Current weather conditions
- Forecast conditions up to school closing times
- Availability of staff
- Availability of key non-teaching staff (premises and catering)
- Likelihood of injury, etc

In the event of snow and ice we would first of all urge all families to ensure that, even if the school is open, we do not want any families to risk their health and safety by coming to school. If you have any problems please ring the school number ASAP.

This year we will communicate any snow days through **our Facebook & Twitter feed, our SMS service, website and through Dearne FM (102.0 FM). We would communicate a decision on each snow day by 7.30am.**

We have 3 phases to our plan:

#### **Phase 1: School Open as Normal**

When there is snow or ice but we feel that conditions will improve we will open the school as normal. This may involve some staff arriving late, due to weather conditions, and other staff providing cover.

#### **Phase 2: Delayed Start/Reduced Hours**

When conditions are poor enough to affect our staffing arrangements but we are able to get enough staff in to provide Cover Supervision. In this situation the regular curriculum would be dropped. Doors would be open from 9am with a 10am registration. School would remain open until 3.30pm, unless the weather deteriorates further, and then we would communicate to Parents, that they would be welcome to collect children earlier, with the latest collection time being 3:30pm. This option will be carefully risk assessed and would be reliant on weather conditions not being so adverse as to present staff and pupils coming to and from school safely.

#### **Phase 3: School Closure**

The school will be closed to all pupils due to a staffing shortage and either the weather being quite severe or the weather forecast being predicted to deteriorate during the school day. In this situation the journey to and from school could be placing staff, parents and pupils at risk!

**In the process of keeping the school open, it may be necessary to close the Nursery and/or Breakfast Club.**