



St. James' Blackburn  
CE Primary School

### Vision Statement

Guided by our Christian Values we endeavour to inspire, cherish and serve our school community. We strive to be exceptional in all we do. We will nurture a love of all God's children. We seek to build respect for all faiths and beliefs.

*'Serve one another in love' (Galatians 5.13)*

### Mission Statement

Together we value, inspire and develop each other within a happy, safe community based on Christian values and respect for other faiths.

*'Show respect to everyone'*

*(Peter 1 2.17)*

## LOVE

*'Serve one another in love'*

*(Galatians 5.13)*

## RESPECT

*'Show respect to everyone'*

*(Peter 1 2.17)*

## COURAGE

*'Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.'*

*(Joshua 1.9)*

# Adverse Weather Policy

Date Agreed by School: 24/11/2023

Review Date: 01/11/2026

*It is important that staff understand that the assumption is always that the school is open UNLESS they receive a text message.*

## **1. Introduction**

- 1.1 Every attempt is made to ensure continuity of education, but there may be extreme conditions when it is not possible to open the School for health and safety reasons. Alternatively, there may be circumstances where deteriorating weather conditions enforce a decision to close the School early. In such circumstances the following procedures will be followed.

## **2. Forecasts of Extreme Weather**

- 2.1 In the event of forecasts of extreme weather conditions, such as heavy snow, which may lead to road closures and transport disruption, staff and pupils will be put onto “weather alert” footing. This will involve informing them of the steps that will be taken in the event of a closure being unavoidable.
- 2.2 Staff must always try to get in to school in the first instance however if unable to do so due to the extreme weather conditions it is acceptable to send a text message.

## **3. Closure before the start of the School day**

- 3.1 A decision to close St James’ will, where possible, be made before 7:00am. This will firstly be agreed by the Headteacher who will make the decision in consultation with the Senior Leadership Team. The Chair of Governors will be informed of the decision as soon as practicably possible and after such time that all immediate arrangements have been made. Such a decision will be based on the most up-to-date information available on local road and weather conditions, transport and traffic delays and weather forecasts for the immediate future.
- 3.2 The Headteacher will act upon information provided by various sources including (but not limited to) weather reports, CCTV footage, information from other schools and first-hand accounts from staff local to the school.
- 3.3 If the school is to be closed, local radio stations will be informed and will broadcast information about the closure. Information will be posted to the school website as soon as possible and the school answerphone message will be changed. Parents and staff who have provided a valid mobile telephone number will receive a text message informing them that school will be closed on this day.

3.4 Radio stations broadcasting information about the closure of the School will be

<b>Station</b>	<b>Frequency</b>
Radio Lancashire	95.5 FM
2BR Lancashire	96.3 FM/99.8 FM

#### **4. Delayed opening**

- 4.1 A decision to open school later in the day will be made by SLT by 7:00am, in the first instance the delayed opening will be 9:30am. Such a decision will be based on the most up-to-date information available on the local weather and road conditions, transport and traffic delays and weather forecasts for the immediate future. The Chair of Governors will be informed as soon as practicably possible after all immediate arrangements have been made.
- 4.2 Staff must always try to get in to school in the first instance however if unable to do so due to the extreme weather conditions it is acceptable to send a text message.
- 4.3 Radio stations will not announce delayed openings; therefore, staff and students should understand that unless the School is listed as being closed it is likely to be open as normal.
- 4.4 Information will be posted to the school website as soon as possible and the school answerphone message will be changed. Parents who have provided a valid mobile telephone number will receive a text message or push notification informing them that school has delayed opening on this day.