

### **Extreme Weather Policy**

St. Philomena's will aim to remain open at times of extreme weather (snow, ice, flooding etc.) so long as it is safe to do so.

When weather conditions are extreme and unsafe the school will close.

- If the decision is made to close before the beginning of the school day then parents will be informed via SMS or email as soon as possible. We aim to achieve this between 7:00 and 8:00.
- We will do our best to have news of the closure posted on the School website.
- Should the weather deteriorate during the day and it becomes necessary to close early then a team at school will telephone parents to make suitable arrangements for pupils to return home early.

We ask parents to remember that weather conditions can be extremely localised. There are times when conditions at home are good while those at school are poor and vice versa. Parents must make their own decision about school attendance should the school be open but conditions at home be dangerous.

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