

ADVERSE WEATHER POLICY – SNOW

We would ask that you keep this in a safe place for future reference.

Every effort will be made to keep school open at all times, but regard to children's safety must take precedence.

In the event of heavy snowfall during the school day:

- a.** The local situation is monitored by the school leadership who receive bulletins from a variety of sources as to the state of the roads and weather forecasts. We will respond to their advice.
- b.** When it would appear that weather conditions may be particularly bad and deteriorating, children will be able to be collected early. Parents will be contacted.
- c.** After school events will be postponed. After School Care, separately organised, will be advising on closure separately.
- d.** Where adverse weather is forecast, pupils should be suitably clothed.

In the event of school closure and on subsequent days:

- e.** A decision will be made, usually between 6 am - 7 am as to whether the school should remain open or be closed. In the event of closure, messages will be:
 - Sent as a text message to all parents on the school's mobile phone contact list (access to SIMS permitting)
 - Posted on the school website – www.st-marychurch-primary.org.uk
 - Broadcast on Heart Torbay (96.4FM), Palm Radio (105.5FM) and BBC Radio Devon (103.4/95.7FM)
 - School answer phone from 8am.
- f.** If a minimum of 2 members of staff are available and children have not heard that school is closed and arrive at school, they should come into school and sign in, so that we know of their whereabouts. School will contact parents and arrange for the children to return home.