



ROOTED IN GOD'S LOVE, EVERYONE GROWING TOGETHER
TO BECOME THE BEST THAT WE CAN BE

Severe Weather Plan

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At Barrow URC Primary School, our Christian vision shapes all that we do, 'Rooted in God's love, everyone growing together to be the best that they can be.' Ephesians 3.16-19

Therefore we work hard to ensure that all of our pupils are included in all parts of school life. We begin with high quality teaching, ensuring that all of our staff are trained to support all children. For children with special educational needs or disability, we may make reasonable adjustments or call upon the support of external experts. We have high expectations for all of our children and track the progress they make carefully, ensuring timely and high quality intervention is in place where necessary. It is important that we work closely with families, with the child always at the heart of our approach. We provide a safe, inclusive environment, in which all children feel welcome and valued. In our school, the child is always at the heart of what we do. Our seven core values- Respect, Honesty, Trust, Love, Peace, Kindness and Forgiveness- are the pillars of our school community and help us to provide a safe, caring environment in which all our children feel welcome and valued.

Every winter brings the possibility of snow and ice. Extreme weather can cause widespread and prolonged disruption. Schools are often affected and it can be difficult to maintain an education service.

We recognise that it is important our school remains open so pupils can continue to learn and parents are able to work. Barrow URC Primary School will make every effort to prepare for severe snow/ice each winter by gritting, clearing access points etc. During the winter if there is a fall of heavy snow overnight the school staff will monitor the situation and seek information from the Met office; Local Education Authority and we will also consult Governors and other local schools in the area.

As a fundamental principle every effort will be made to keep schools open, even if only limited numbers of pupils can attend. However our school may close due to 'unavoidable' circumstances. Those circumstances being that it is no longer safe for staff or pupils to be onsite. Our view is that the school should be open to all pupils at all times and any decision to close would be in extreme cases only. If this happens information will be made available to tell you of the school closure via:

- Text messaging service via Teachers2Parents (so please ensure we have an up to date mobile phone number)
- School website: this will be changed regularly with updates as they are known and Open/Closed information will be shown clearly on the first page by 8.00am every morning.
- Local media: Radio Lancashire and other local TV & radio stations

Be assured that we will always endeavour to open school where safety permits. If you are a working parent or feel you may have a problem with a sudden earlier pick up, please could you put a back-up plan in place with another family member or parent and inform the school which will allow staff to leave earlier for their safety if weather dictates. Many thanks for your support in helping our School remain open during periods of severe weather.