

St Anne Stanley CE Primary School



Severe Weather Policy

Rationale

At St Anne Stanley CE Primary School the health, safety and well-being of children and staff are paramount and this policy and procedures have been written to ensure that communication systems are robust and effective in relaying information to parents/carers as quickly as possible.

Implementation of Policy

At St Anne Stanley CE Primary School we will implement the following procedures in the event of severe weather;

- The Headteacher will make a decision as to whether to open as early as possible..
- Members of staff will be informed and advised only to travel if safe to do so and if required to supervise children.
- Members of staff who arrive at work will be asked to stay to assist with the communication to parents/carers. Staff may return home once all children have been collected safely and the premises have been secured and closed.
- Parents will be informed as soon as possible and information will be communicated via the following mediums;
 - ✓ School website
 - ✓ Radio Stations: Radio Merseyside/ Radio City
 - ✓ Text message (where possible)

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Severe Weather During Session

In the event of severe weather during the school day, St Anne (Stanley) CE Primary School will implement the following procedures;

- The Headteacher will make a decision as to whether the school should close and send children home. This decision will be based on health and safety issues, weather forecasts and the safety of children and staff travelling home.
- If the decision is made to close, parents/carers will be contacted by telephone and/or text message to arrange to collect their children.
- Staff will remain until all children have left the premises.

Disability Equality Impact Assessment

This policy has been written with reference to and in consideration of the school's Disability Equality Scheme. Assessment will include consideration of issues identified by the involvement of disabled children, staff and parents and any information the school holds on disabled children, staff and parents.

Any questions or concerns regarding this policy should be made to Mrs Julie Simons.

Policy review date: September 2019

**Mrs Julie Simons
Headteacher**

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