

## IN THE EVENT OF ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS

With the threat of the weather suddenly turning very cold and the possibility of snow in the coming months, I thought that I would write to remind you of the procedures, should the school be unable to open due to adverse weather conditions.

The school closely monitors the situation overnight and always makes the decision whether to open or not as early as possible, generally around 7.00am. Parent and carers are notified via the school's messaging system ClassDojo and a message will be published on the scrolling banner on the Home Page of the school website. Essex County Council would be advised and an official notification posted on their website.

If the weather unexpectedly deteriorates during the school day, a decision is made whether to remain open or not, based on a health and safety point of view in relation to conditions on the school site and to ensure pupils and staff are able to travel home safely. If this were the case, parents/carers would be notified through the school's messaging systems. Please ensure we have your most up to date contact information for our records. Any changes to contact information must be provided in writing, email is acceptable but must be received from a registered email address.

If parents/carers are in any doubt, please do not rely on social media for information as these sites can often be misleading, please always check the Essex County Council website or St Clare's RC Primary website: [www.st-clares.essex.sch.uk](http://www.st-clares.essex.sch.uk) This is the official notification for parents/carers to follow.

If you are unsure about any of this information, please contact the school office directly for advice, prior to the arrival of any bad weather.

Thank you

Mr J Whiteside