

St James' Lanehead Church of England Primary School



Winter Preparedness Policy

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Our Mission

Our church school seeks to inspire each individual to flourish, grow and learn with Jesus at the heart of all we do.

Our view is that school should be open to pupils at all times and will only close in exceptional circumstances.

During the winter months we start to receive warnings from weather forecasters that severe weather conditions may be on the way.

Procedures for a School Closure

During the winter if we have had an overnight fall of snow the school will monitor the situation taking into account the advice from the Met office, local Police, Local Education Authority and Blackburn Diocese. We will also consult Governors.

Any decision to close, therefore, would be in extreme cases only when the safety of the children and staff is at risk.

If a school closure is necessary the following action is taken:

- A notice will be uploaded onto the **school website**.
- A notice will be placed on the school gates.
- The following radio stations will be contacted so that our school name can be added to their newflash: Radio Lancashire (95.5FM/103.9 FM, DAB).
- Phone calls will be welcomed from 8.00 am to the school office.
- A notice will be posted on the Lancashire County Council website: (www.lancashire.gov.uk) search 'School Closures' to locate the appropriate page.
- An app notification will be sent out to all parents and staff.

We understand that shutting the school causes many issues to many parents/carers therefore we work hard to keep our school open and the decision to close will be made before **8.00 am**. Be assured that we will always endeavour to open school where safety permits.