

OUR LADY OF FATIMA SCHOOL SNOW POLICY - SCHOOL CLOSURE

In the event of extreme inclement weather, such as when heavy falls of snow develop overnight and continue into the following day or extreme icy conditions, parents should take the following advice about the possibility of school closure. Whenever possible, Our Lady of Fatima Primary School will remain open. However, we have to consider the safety of all our children and staff, some of whom travel a significant distance into school each day.

Should the need arise, in severe weather, a decision will be made by 7.30 am if the school is to be closed. A **text message alert** will be sent informing parents of the school closure. It is therefore of paramount importance that the school office has current mobile telephone numbers of all parents.

The closure will also be announced on the school website's front page at **www.olfatima.bham.sch.uk**

All parents will need to check for a text message or check the school's website if heavy snow is falling, has fallen overnight or if there is other extreme weather and there have been other school closures announced. Please **do not** telephone the school before 8.30 a.m. because we need to keep the lines clear for staff updates.

When arriving at school, please do not leave children without confirming that the school is to remain open. **Once the school is open for the day we will try to remain open until the end of the normal school day at 3.30 pm.** If heavy snowfalls during the day and parents are concerned about getting their children home, arrangements will be made for parents to collect their children earlier.

If it is considered that it is necessary to close school early we will use the text messaging service to contact all parents.

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