

**Learning Together for Life**

*Jesus said, 'Love one another as I have loved you' John 15:12, New Testament ('Injil')*

# Stepney Greencoat

**Church of England**

**Primary School**



## **Adverse Weather Policy**

Policy Reviewed/Approved	By Committee, Individual Governor or Head teacher
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## Introduction

At Stepney Greencoat our aim is to be open to all pupils for every day of the academic year as we value of school being open for the benefit of pupils learning and emotional well-being.

The decision to close the school will be made by the Head Teacher. The school will only be closed if one or more of the following conditions apply;

- Insufficient staff are able to come in to keep the school running safely.
- Conditions on site are dangerous.
- Conditions are considered to be or are anticipated to later become too hazardous to travel.

## School Closure

In the event of the Headteacher making the decision to close the school the following steps will be taken to inform parents and carers;

- A text message will be sent to contact 1 and contact 2 for each pupil in the school
- A message will be displayed on the home page of the school website

If it is decided that the school will open, but the road conditions are difficult, parents should ring the school to advise that they are likely to be late.

If parents assume that the school is closed, but it is actually open, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised unless the Head Teacher is satisfied that there are exceptional circumstances.

In the event of adverse weather during the school day the Head Teacher will decide whether it is necessary to close the school. In this situation;

- A text message will be sent to contact 1 and contact 2 for each pupil in the school

The Staff that live furthest from the school will be permitted to leave at the earliest opportunity.

A skeleton staff will remain in school until all of the children have been collected.

## Wet Morning Breaks

A member of the senior leadership team will decide if the weather is bad enough for a 'wet' break.

If a wet break is declared no children must be left unsupervised. One member of staff (Teacher or Teaching Assistant) should remain in the classroom to supervise break with all children remaining in their own classes.

## Wet Lunchtimes

A member of the senior leadership team or the senior midday meals supervisor will decide if the weather is bad enough for a 'wet' lunchtime.

If a 'wet' lunchtime is declared the Lunchtime Supervisors will supervise the children. No children must be left unsupervised