

SIR JOHN BARROW SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Carers

Policy for Adverse Weather Conditions

As we are approaching the winter months, please find below a useful reminder of our procedures.

The decision to close the school either before or during the school day will be made by Miss Pemberton, Headteacher. The school will only be closed if one or more of the following conditions apply:

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

If the school is to close:

1. The closure will be recorded on the Cumbria County Council website.
http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/school_closures/ and on the school website (home page)
www.sjbarrow.cumbria.sch.uk

The media (BBC Radio Cumbria/Heart Radio) will then be informed to broadcast details.

2. Parents/Carers who have opted into the texting service will be alerted to the closure via text.

School will make every effort to remain open whenever possible. If the playground is safe, we do go out to play, even if there is snow on the ground. If it does snow, please would you make sure that your child brings a change of shoes to wear indoors. Wellies or walking boots are ideal for playing outside in the snow. Children also need a coat in school at all times during the winter months as we still go out to play, even if there is light rain.

We will make all practicable efforts to keep parents informed as to the situation with the school during adverse weather conditions, as we appreciate that such conditions and the uncertainty places very considerable difficulties upon parents. However parents are expected to check the website and/or make themselves aware of the radio broadcasts when it is clear that a closure is a possibility.

Yours sincerely

Miss H Pemberton, Headteacher