



OUR LADY OF FATIMA

CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Snow Policy

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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 Catholic 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. An alert will be sent via the Arbor App and a message present on the school website informing parents of the school closure. It is therefore of paramount importance that the school office has current contact information 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 notification 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 Arbor App to contact all parents.



Commitment to Equality:

We are committed to providing a positive working environment which is free from prejudice and unlawful discrimination and any form of harassment, bullying or victimisation. We have developed a number of key policies to ensure that the principles of Catholic Social Teaching in relation to human dignity and dignity in work become embedded into every aspect of school life and these policies are reviewed regularly in this regard.

This Snow Policy has been approved and adopted by Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Primary School on 08.10.25 and will be reviewed in 09.2026.

Signed by the Chair of the Local Governing Body for Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Primary School

Mr Matthew Higgins

Signed by the Principal for Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Primary School:

Mr John-Paul Shanahan

