



## St Bartholomew's C.E. (VC) Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

### **School closure due to Bad Weather**

Occasionally it can be necessary to close the school due to bad weather. When making a decision to close the school, there are a number of issues that have to be considered:

- Many students travel to school. We need to be sure that journeys are safe.
- Most of our staff live some way from school, some a considerable distance from Longnor. We have to be confident that there will be sufficient staff able to get here in order to teach the students. We have to ensure a safe level of supervision.
- The condition of the site – is it safe for students and staff to move around the school? It is a difficult decision to make and parents will appreciate the dilemma between giving everyone sufficient notice of closure and trying to guess what road and weather conditions will be between 8.00 and 8.30am. Please use your own judgement too.

If at all possible, a decision will be taken by 9.00pm the night before or as soon as we can on the day. It is possible that a decision will be taken to open the school but with a delayed starting time. Our decision will be posted on the school's [website](#) and on Staffordshire County Council's [Website](#). The message will be updated regularly. We will also send out an email as soon as the decision has been made.

**In previous years we have phoned, but with increased numbers and new GDPR rules this will not now take place.**

**No closure message on our website means that we intend to open and all students will be expected to attend.**

When the school closes I appreciate how inconvenient and difficult this is for families and how disruptive it is for students' learning. My primary concern has to be the safety of the students and staff. Please be assured I will not take this decision lightly.

With regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anne Collins', with a horizontal line underneath.

Mrs A Collins  
Head teacher