



ST CHARLES'
CATHOLIC PRIMARY
SCHOOL

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POLICY

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Our Mission at St Charles' Catholic Primary School is to...
LOVE, LEARN, GROW TOGETHER

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It is the policy of the school to make every effort to remain open whenever possible.

The decision to close the school either before or during the school day will be made by the Head Teacher.

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 become, too hazardous for travel.

If the school is to close:

1. The closure will be recorded on the Liverpool City Council website
2. All local radio stations will be informed and the information will also be displayed on their websites
3. The school's website will be updated with information regarding the closure.

The school will make all practicable efforts to keep parents informed as to the situation. We appreciate that such conditions and the uncertainty surrounding them place very considerable difficulties upon parents/carers. However, parents are expected to check the school's website and make themselves aware of the radio broadcasts when it is clear that closure is a possibility.

The school appreciates that during bad weather children may arrive later than normal; parents should endeavour to contact the school to let the office know they are on their way if likely to be delayed.

Parents acting on the assumption that the school would be closed, without gaining confirmation, or failing to inform the school of the circumstances that prevent the child coming into school, risk their child being registered as an unauthorised absence.

Where the school is officially closed, all absences are counted as authorised absences.

In the event of it being necessary to close during the school day due to unforeseen worsening weather or similar unforeseen circumstances, parents will be contacted.

The school will endeavour to ensure pathways are cleared and salted/gritted. However staff, parents, carers, children and members of the public should still proceed with caution.

The health and welfare of our whole school community is of paramount importance. We ask for support, patience and understanding in difficult weather conditions.