Bad Weather Statement

It is the policy of Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Primary School to make every effort to remain open whenever possible.
If conditions are icy or there has been significant snowfall, the school will endeavour to ensure pathways are cleared, salted/gritted. However, staff, parents, children and members of the public should still proceed with caution. During significant adverse weather conditions, the school will be open from 8.30 a.m. for parents to bring their children inside.
The decision to close the school either before or during the school day will be made by the 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 become too hazardous for travel.

If the school is to close during the school day and children need to be collected:

- Parents/carers will be contacted by text.
- Staff will telephone children's emergency contacts as provided by parents.

If the school is to close outside of the school day:

- The closure will be recorded on the school website www.olrs.co.uk
- The closure will be recorded on the Google Classroom stream for each class.
- The closure will also be recorded on Surrey County Council website https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/community/emergency-planning-and-community-safety/winter-advice/information-about-schools-in-bad-weather
- Local radio stations will be informed.

The school appreciates that during very bad weather conditions children may arrive later than normal; parents should endeavour to contact the school to let them know they are on their way if likely to be delayed. Parents acting upon the assumption that the school would be closed without gaining confirmation, or failing to inform the school of the circumstances that prevents the child coming into school risks their child being registered as an un-authorised absence.
Where the school is officially closed, all absence is recorded as 'School closed, attendance not required'.
The school will consider opening for part of the school day, to allow children and staff to get into school or leave early so that there is enough time for a safe journey. The health and welfare of our whole school community is of paramount importance. We would ask for your support, patience and understanding in difficult weather conditions.
If teachers cannot get to school safely, they may not have access to technology suitable to teach online live lessons. Therefore, in the event of a school closure, teachers will upload a selection of learning tasks onto Google Classroom for children to complete and upload. We understand that if there is significant snowfall, children may want to spend time outside and this will be actively encouraged.

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