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Adverse weather conditions and school closure

These are our procedures during adverse weather conditions – this includes snow. Please be assured that we will try to keep the school open. The only reason we will close is if:

- There are not enough members of staff in school;
- Conditions on site are dangerous
- Conditions are considered to be or are anticipated to later become too hazardous to travel.

In the event of heavy snow before the school day starts

When school closure is possibility, parents should find out whether the school is open by:

- Checking the school website <http://www.bartonhillbristol.org/>
- Receipt of a text message notification
- Checking the Bristol City Council website <https://www.bristol.gov.uk/schools-learning-early-years/school-closures>
- Checking the school app (See website for download details)
- Listening to local radio stations (BBC Radio Bristol, Heart, Breeze, Sam FM)
- Checking the Bristol Post website

The school website will be the most up to date information which is then pushed to the school app.

If parents assume that the school is closed, but it is actually open, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised unless the Principal is satisfied that there are exceptional circumstances.

In the event of heavy snowfall during the school day

If there is heavy snowfall during the school day the Principal will decide whether it is necessary to close the school. The office will contact parents via text message and ask that they pick up their child/children up from school as soon as possible.

The staff that live furthest from the school and/or who live in areas which are more rural will be permitted to leave at the earliest opportunity.

A skeleton staff will remain in school until all of the children have been collected. If a parent rings requesting they pick their child up early due to the weather, and the decision has not been made to close the school, these requests will be considered on an individual basis by the Principal.