



## St Louise Primary School Recovery – Adverse Weather Plan – Winter Term



It is the policy of the school to make every effort to remain open whenever possible. The decision to close the school during adverse weather will be made by the Head Teacher in consultation with South Lanarkshire Council.

The school may 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 later become too hazardous for travel.

Closure will be posted on the school website, Twitter and the School App. We will make all reasonable efforts to keep parents informed as to the situation with the school during adverse weather conditions, however, we ask parents/carers to check the website and/or make themselves aware of the radio broadcasts when it is clear that a closure is a possibility.

School closures are announced on local radio. If you are unsure, whether the school will be open, please listen to the local radio and check all available information sites.

The school appreciates that during bad weather 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. The school recognises there will be isolated instances where families are cut off, even where the clear majority of children can get into school. In such instances, parents should inform the school of the circumstances of this exceptional situation so that the school can make note of this.

In the event of the school having to close during the day due to unforeseen worsening weather or similar unforeseen circumstances, parents will be contacted by the group message on the School App in the first instance and asked to arrange collection of pupils, then by

phone either at home or work and asked to collect their child/children. Such an early release will only be contemplated in extreme circumstances.

In the event of snow, the safest pathways will be cleared and salted (Please see attached plan). Parents, children and visitors will be made aware that pathways, even where cleared, do remain dangerous and that all users should wear appropriate clothing and footwear and remain vigilant at all times. Children will also be reminded of this in class and during assembly. During drop off and pick up at school parents are responsible for ensuring their children do not slide within the school grounds and remain safe at all times. In icy/snowy conditions, the Janitor will salt pathways and steps as per the plan. In the morning we will continue with our drop off one-way system but **we recommend that you walk to school in the first instance or park away from the school grounds**. As the council is only able to grit main roads in these circumstances drivers may **use the school ramp but at their own risk**.

At the end of the school day, children will continue to be dismissed in line with our current pick up guidance and we would appreciate your patience with this, as it is to ensure the safety of all pupils leaving the school. We would ask that you continue to use the safest marked entry and exit as per the plan and where possible park outside the school grounds and collect your child on foot.

If the school playground needs to be closed, the gate will remain locked and a notice showing this and all children will enter and exit through the main pedestrian gate.

Children should come to school in appropriate clothing during these times of adverse weather. Where possible, if children have suitable footwear and clothing, they go outside to enjoy the snow.

In the Head Teacher's absence, the Acting Depute Head will assume responsibility for making all decisions relating to the Snow and Bad Weather Policy.

If we experience any adverse weather conditions such as snow, which forces the school to be closed, please check our SCHOOL WEBSITE, TWITTER and SCHOOL APP, or listen to your local radio station for school closure information.

Thank you for your continued cooperation with our health and safety measures.



Arrows show the pathway that is cleared and gritted from main entrance and car parks to main door.

In addition, all entrances and emergency exits around perimeter of building are cleared or salted.

Orange arrows show pedestrian pathway gritted / cleared at the end of the school day if not melted.