
Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School

Bad Weather Policy

It is the policy of Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School to make every effort to remain open whenever possible.

The school will endeavour to ensure pathways are cleared and salted/gritted in the event of adverse weather conditions, however, staff, parents, pupils and members of the public should still proceed with caution.

During significant adverse weather conditions, the school hall will be open from 8.45am for parents to bring their children inside. In such instances, children will remain under the supervision of their parents until handed over to a member of school staff at 8.55am.

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 the following conditions apply:

- Insufficient staff are able to come in to keep the school running safely
- Conditions on site are dangerous
- Conditions are considered to be or are anticipated to become too hazardous for travel to or from the site.

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

- Parents will be contacted by text if they have registered for Groupcall
- A push notification will be sent through the school's app advising of the school closure
- If parents cannot be contacted via a Groupcall text, staff will telephone home/emergency contact telephone numbers registered for pupils.

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

- The closure will be recorded on the school website
- A push notification will be sent through the school's app
- The closure will also be recorded on the Liverpool City Council website
- Local radio stations will be informed. The information will also be displayed on their websites.

The school will make all practicable efforts to keep parents informed of the situation. We do appreciate that such conditions and the associated uncertainty, places very considerable difficulties upon parents. However, parents are expected to check the school, local authority websites and/or make themselves aware of radio broadcasts when it is clear that closure is a possibility.

The school appreciates that during bad weather pupils may arrive later than normal; parents should endeavour to contact the school to let them know they are on their way and 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 their 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 also 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.

This policy should be read in conjunction with the current version of the Liverpool City Council – Cold Weather Plan