



## THE PIGGOTT SCHOOL

*'...to be a school which inspires and encourages the highest achievement'*

### SEVERE WINTER WEATHER PROCEDURES

**Date last reviewed:** Spring term 2020

**Responsibility:** Headteacher and Chair of Governors

**Review Period:** Annually

**We will always do our best to keep the school open and if you have not heard anything please assume that it is business as usual.**

The school will only close if we have insufficient staff to supervise children or if it is believed that there would be undue risks to staff and/or students by travelling to and/or from school and/or the school site presents a risk to health and safety. If the weather forecast shows the likelihood of a marked deterioration during the course of the morning, we could also take the decision to close.

The Headteacher normally makes the decision about closure after consulting with staff about their travel conditions and consulting with the Premises Manager regarding the safety of the site. It is difficult to do this much in advance, because conditions can differ across the area and decisions are not made until early in the morning if there has been snow overnight. We will try to advise everyone by 7:00am.

#### **How will you be informed?**

- We will post a message on the home page of the **school website**.
- We will message you using Schoolcomms; please make sure the details held by the school are up to date. There may be a delay in the receipt of these messages due to network congestion.
- We will register any closures on Wokingham Borough Council's website.
- **Radio** stations (BBC Berkshire and Heart FM) will pick up school closures from the WBC website and broadcast them.

#### **Your decision**

If you live some distance away you must make your own decision about road conditions and let us know if your child will not be attending.

If you live within walking distance your child is expected to attend if the school is open.

#### **Homework**

If we are unable to open, teachers will endeavour to put work on to Show my homework so that our students' learning is not disadvantaged by not being able to come in to school.