

## BARNWELL SCHOOL SNOW CLOSURE PROCEDURES



Please see the procedures for in and around school should we have snow.

### **Safety**

Staff and students must obviously take care when travelling to school by car, bus or foot. Please allow extra time for the journey and wear appropriate clothing and footwear to keep warm and dry and safe. Uniform rules may be relaxed slightly on days with snow on the ground to allow students to wear more appropriate footwear i.e. boots. Adherence to the School Uniform Policy will be expected on all other occasions.

### **On-site safety**

Parents/carers must not drive into the school grounds at any time during a normal school day as this creates a hazard for our students and staff. Please drop off away from the school gates on Hydean Way, not directly outside of the Middle and Upper Campus. If there is snow it is likely that the back gates on the A602 for both campuses will be closed in the morning. If the situation does not worsen, they will be open at the end of the day.

### **Notification of a Snow Day**

The school will use several different ways to make you aware of its status should there be snow. These are:

**Schoolcomms:** The school will send a text message notification to advise you if the school will be open, late opening or closed. Please ensure the school has your current mobile number.

**EduLink:** The school will send a message to advise you if the school will be open, late opening or closed. Please ensure you are able to log on to EduLink.

**Website:** The school website <http://www.barnwellschool.co.uk/> will be updated to advise you if the school will be open, late opening or closed. We will always make every attempt to open the school unless we feel the conditions are too bad or are likely to worsen throughout the day.

**Radio:** The local radio station issues school closure notifications. We will update them as soon as possible. Information will also be available at <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/atschool/emergency-school-closures/emergency-school-closures.aspx>

**Facebook & Twitter:** Notifications will be added to our social media sites to advise you if the school will be open, late opening or closed.

**Complete closure:** This will be rare but will be considered if conditions are really bad or are expected to get worse. The notification procedures detailed will apply.

Please also note that conditions may change throughout the day, so parents/carers are asked to check using the above methods on a regular basis.