## Severe Winter Weather Arrangements- Heavy Overnight Snow

A decision to close the school for the day will only be taken as a last resort. It will take into account local conditions and assess the risks to children, parents and staff in making the journey to school. This decision will be taken by 7.45 a.m. taking into account travel reports on road conditions in the local area and on routes taken by staff from surrounding areas, and the weather forecast.

If there is an improving weather forecast, a decision may be taken to delay the opening time of the school.

A message will be sent out via the groupcall messenger text, BBC Radio Lancashire and 2BR will be informed and a notice will be placed on the school website. Please check these before telephoning the school office.

Once the school day has started the school will always remain open until 3.15 p.m. but you are advised that should weather conditions make it necessary and if you live a considerable distance from school, then you may collect your child early if delaying this until the end of the school day may cause travel problems.

<u>Gritting and Path Clearance.</u> Snow does not automatically result in a school closure. If snow is on the ground and school is open, the Site Supervisor will endeavour to clear a path.

However, falling snow may mean that previously cleared paths become covered again. Please take care if this is the case.

If access to school is deemed too dangerous, the road up to school may be closed.