Clayton St John C of E Primary School

Adverse Weather Update

Tuesday 7th January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I would like to wish you all a happy new year, despite the awful situation we have found ourselves in since the weather took a turn for the worse over the weekend.

Thank you for all of your patience and understanding in the measures we have had to put into place at school; Closing school is never something we want to do but we have to consider the safety of everyone concerned.

With this in mind, we have continued to risk assess our school site and surrounding area and it is with regret that largely due to the dangerous conditions of the area surrounding school, and the forecast decrease in temperature tonight, I have made the difficult decision to close school tomorrow, Wednesday 8th January 2025.

I am hoping that in making this decision now, it gives our families time to arrange childcare where possible. (I have included photographs of the area around school to show you how significant the ice and poor conditions are. Not only are they unsafe under-foot, they are not passable with a pushchair or wheelchair, and there is no safe place to park).

I will be meeting with staff early tomorrow morning to arrange continued online learning for our children, which will be available on Dojo. Our Pastoral Team will also be in touch with some of our families, but if you would like to receive a phone call from a member of staff, please email our office and we will endeavour to do our best to call you back as soon as possible.

It is with an optimistic mind, that I very much hope we will be open on Thursday 9th January, but we will continue to keep you informed.

Please take care and thank you again for your anticipated support in this matter.

Kind regards

Mrs Gemma Emsley

Head Teacher

