# Britannia Primary School and Nursery

# Severe Weather Policy

**‘Developing responsible citizens, confident individuals, and independent learners’**

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**Definition of a Parent**

- **All biological parents, whether they are married or not.**
- **any person who, although not a biological parent, has parental responsibility for a child or young person - this could be an adoptive parent, a step-parent, guardian or other relative.**
- **any person who, although not a biological parent and does not have parental responsibility, has care of a child or young person.**

**A person typically has care of a child or young person if they are the person with whom the child lives, either full or part time and who looks after the child, irrespective of what their biological or legal relationship is with the child.**

## Severe Weather Policy

There can be occasions when severe weather causes disruption to travel. Most commonly this occurs due to snowfall.

Our policy, in these circumstances, is as follows:

Always assume the school is open. If a decision to close (due to severe weather) is made, the following will apply;

- we will update our website as soon as a decision is made
- in the case of school closure, we will also inform local radio
- we will always try to keep the school open
- we will close the school when roads are in a hazardous condition and therefore travel would put individuals' safety at risk
- we will close the school if we are unable to clear a safe path through the school grounds and individuals' safety is at risk.

To ensure that our telephone system does not become clogged with traffic, we ask that:

- you visit the school website as this can be updated very quickly and will display the most up to date news
- ensure that we have your current mobile telephone number so that a text message can be sent to you via Arbor
- listen to your local radio station for updates. School closure will be broadcast on the following stations:

**HEART SUFFOLK (97.1, 96.4 FM) –** http://www.heart.co.uk/suffolk/

**BBC RADIO SUFFOLK (104.6, 103.9, 95.5 and 95.9 FM –** www.bbc.co.uk/suffolk

Please do not call the school office to request early collection of your child. Once a decision has been made, the procedures will be communicated to you via the channels explained above.