## Creech St Michael C of E VC Primary School EMERGENCY CLOSURE POLICY

"Together, we love, learn and grow"



"Go and bear fruit—fruit that will last." John 15 v.16

## SCHOOL CLOSURE DUE TO EXTREME WEATHER OR OTHER UNUSUAL INCIDENTS

Every effort will be made to keep the school open, except when to do so would endanger pupils and staff. If we do need to close the school in the event of extreme weather, or an incident such as a boiler failure or power cut, parents and carers will be informed as soon as possible using the following:

- Email
- Information will be posted on our school website. http://www.creechstmichaelprimary.co.uk
- On the PTFA Facebook page and Key Stage Facebook pages.

Please remember that very few members of teaching staff (including teaching assistants) live within walking distance of the school. If staff cannot get to school without endangering themselves, it means that we cannot continue to operate a safe environment for the children.

Closure of the school during the day is unlikely but cannot be ruled out. If such a closure is necessary, you will be informed through the above forms of communication or by telephone call. We would appreciate efforts to collect your child as early as possible so that members of staff are able to get home safely themselves.

We aim to adopt a coordinated approach with other schools and arrangements have been made with local radio stations to broadcast up to date information.

Information regarding school closures will be broadcast by the following stations: BBC Somerset. 95.5 FM, 1566 MHz and Heart FM. 102.6 (Taunton Area).

Please do not ring the school unless absolutely necessary as we will be trying to contact the necessary staff and services such as catering and taxis.

## **Smileys**

We realise that parents of children using Smileys in the morning will want to know as early as possible whether the school is open or not. Every effort will be made to communicate the decision in the ways outlined above as fast as we can. Smileys supervisor will be informed by 7.15am. Parents may attempt to contact them from this time on the Smileys mobile phone 07950 147361. If unavailable, it is possible they are on their way to school after this time.

## **School Closure Flowchart for Parents/Carers**

