

To all Parents/Carers

January 2015

**ST. ANDREW'S PRIMARY CE VA PRIMARY ACADEMY
EMERGENCY ARRANGEMENTS FOR BAD WEATHER CONDITIONS**

How to find out whether the school is closed after a night or weekend of severe weather, or whether it is remaining closed.

- We will send out a text message AND an email via Parentmail – note – text messages may be delayed if there is excessive demand across the country.
- Listen to the radio announcements on:
 - BBC Radio Devon FM 94.8, 95.8, 96, 103.4 and 104.3 DAB
 - BBC Radio Somerset FM 95.5
 - Heart FM 97, 103
- Check on our school website www.acornacademy.org where a message will be posted by 8am if the school is closed.
- Where possible the school telephone line will be manned from 8.30am onwards, but please in the first instance check your email/texts, the radio or internet as the telephone will be extremely busy.

Closure of school during the working day

- Occasionally, if the weather deteriorates during the day, a decision has to be taken to send the pupils and staff home early while roads are still passable. In the first instance we will inform all parents by text message so please keep your mobiles turned on if weather conditions are worsening. Every effort will be made to inform parents that students are being sent home early but it is not always possible to contact everyone.

Therefore please will parents who are not usually at home come to an arrangement with a neighbour or friend that their children will be taken care of if they are sent home early.

What to do if weather conditions are poor but the school is not closed.

- For students who live in an isolated homestead and/or depend on public transport and there is a risk of your not being able to get back at the end of the day. **STAY AT HOME.**
- For students who can safely walk to school if conditions are not extreme: **DO SO.** A programme will be running according to staff availability.