

WILL IT OR WON'T IT?
IMPORTANT NOTICE – PLEASE READ

31st January 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

Snow is forecast for this evening and, though expected to peter out towards dawn, there have been a number of weather warnings. I do not know what will greet us when we wake up tomorrow morning but may I assure you every effort will be made to keep the school open: Even if we have to restrict some of the entrances and exits.

The decision whether or not to close will be based on the welfare of children, taking into account whether:

- Children can get to and from school safely
- The site is safe
- There are enough staff to supervise the children (some of our staff have to travel from as far as Shoeburyness and Maldon)

Mr Mount, our Site Manager, and I will be on site very early in the morning to assess the situation and if it is safe enough we will be open. As already mentioned above we may have to restrict access via some of our gates and change drop off and pick up routines. Also we understand it may take some of you longer than usual to make the school journey.

If the decision is taken to close you will be informed via our text messaging service as well as via the school website (www.bardfieldacademy.org) and our Facebook page (the official one!). You will also find information relating to school closures on the Essex County Council website:- <https://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/Dates/Pages/Emergency-School-Closures.aspx>

There is also a link to the school closure page via the Heart fm website:-

<https://www.heart.co.uk/news/school-closures/essex/>

Remember our school name is **BARDFIELD ACADEMY** not to be confused with Great Bardfield Primary, in Braintree.

Please **do not** telephone the school.

Let's hope the snow isn't as bad as predicted for contrary to popular belief, it's not a decision I relish taking and here at Bardfield we'd rather be open than closed and interrupt the flow of teaching and learning.

Yours sincerely



Mrs A Savill
Headteacher