



Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2020

### **Unavoidable Closure of Schools Procedure- severe weather/loss of utilities**

Dear Parents and Carers,

With the winter months approaching, it is that time of year again to make you aware of our procedures for an unavoidable closure of the school.

In the event of severe weather such as snow, there are a number of factors to consider when making the decision to close. This includes: Is the school site safe enough for children, parents and staff to enter and use throughout the day? Does the school have a safe ratio of pupils to adults? Are there enough qualified teachers to teach pupils?

The decision to close the school is always a challenging one and is based on the safety of all of our school community at its heart. Over the years, school closures due to severe weather or a loss of utilities have proven to be rare at Bilton Grange- we certainly want to keep it that way!

#### Our procedures are as follows and are also in place in the event of a loss of utilities:

1. Inform parents via text and email at the earliest opportunity.
2. Inform parents via local radio: Greatest Hits Radio Harrogate and the Yorkshire Dales (formerly Stray FM). Listen on air or check their website. Search "Greatest Hits Radio Harrogate".
3. Inform the Local Authority- North Yorkshire County Council. Check their dedicated website for school closures.

If you have any further questions regarding our procedures, please contact the school office.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "R. J. Street".

Richard Street

Headteacher

