

Our Christian Vision

St Luke's Church of England School is a school for the whole community. Our vision has Jesus' promise "*I came to give life—life in all its fullness*" at its heart (John 10:10). We believe that all children deserve an education of the highest quality in order to flourish and enjoy a life filled with meaning and purpose.

Our children combine a care for others with a love for learning, and an appreciation of the importance of spiritual, mental and physical well-being.

We serve local children, parents and the community within the context of Christian belief and practice.

Site safety during snowy/icy conditions

In the event of snow, main pathways will be cleared and salted. Parents/carers, children and visitors should be aware that pathways, even where cleared, do remain dangerous. Children will also be reminded of this by their class teachers and also by SLT when the school community gathers for collective worship.

Parents/carers should ensure that children have waterproof footwear and warm, waterproof outdoor clothes in school in order that they may enjoy playing outside if weather conditions allow. During adverse weather conditions, playtimes may be changed or held inside.

Safety during hot weather

During spells of very hot weather, we will follow the government's guidance detailed here:

[Looking after children and those in early years settings before and during hot weather: teachers and other educational professionals - GOV.UK](#)

In order to help us follow these guidelines, an email will be sent out to parents/ carers reminding them to provide their children with water, sunscreen and a sunhat. Fresh water and cups are always available in every classroom.

Severe weather school closure procedure

At St Luke's CE School, we hope that normal school opening hours will not be disrupted by severe weather conditions. To allow children to access their learning, it is the policy of the school to make every effort to remain open whenever possible; however the safety of all pupils, parents and staff remains paramount.

The decision to close the school either before or during the school day will be made by the Headteacher. The school will only be closed if one or more of the following conditions apply:

1. Insufficient staff (CRB checked, first aid trained and fully qualified) are able to travel in to keep the school running safely.
2. Conditions on site are considered too dangerous for the safety of pupils, parents and staff.
3. Conditions are considered to be, or are anticipated to later become, too hazardous for travel.

If the school is to close, a decision will be made by 8am and the following will apply:

- An email will be sent from school to all parents (provided the system is not overloaded and delays messages, which can happen in times of overuse)
- A sign will be placed on the main entrance door to the school.
- A notice will be placed on the website <https://www.stlukesschool.org.uk/>

St Luke's CE School will make every effort to keep parents informed as to opening during adverse weather conditions, and this notification will be given as early as possible. However, parents are expected to check the website when it is clear that a closure is a possibility.

The school appreciates that during adverse weather children may arrive later than normal. In these circumstances, parents should endeavour to contact the school to let them know they are on their way. Where the school is officially closed, all absence is counted as authorised absence.

In the event of the school having to close during the day due to unforeseen worsening weather or similar unforeseen circumstances, parents will be contacted by phone either at home or work and asked to collect their child/ren. Please note this will only be contemplated in very extreme circumstances.