



## Bearwood Primary and Nursery School

### Information for parents regarding school closures

#### **RATIONALE**

Emergency or critical incidents which may occur in any school and which affect pupils, teachers, parents or the school site and have a direct impact on operational ability.

This information is to make parents aware of these types of incidents and the school's response to them. The way that the school will communicate with parents is also included.

#### **TYPES OF INCIDENT**

Natural disasters, flood, storm, fire

Medical food poisoning, meningitis, pandemic flu

Major accident chemical spillage, transport, explosion

Off-site outdoor education, road traffic accident

Human terrorism, violence, serious injury, death

#### **RESPONSES TO INCIDENTS**

1. Evacuation from building / site (e.g. fire on site, bomb threat)
2. Lock down (e.g. swarm of bees, intruder in grounds, and other danger in grounds)
3. Closure of school (e.g. adverse weather, medical issues, failure of gas or electricity supplies or key issues in school e.g. heating)
4. Accident / injury – on site or off site
5. Pastoral care e.g. death / injury of a member of the school community or their family

#### **KEY ROLES**

The HT and senior staff are responsible for ensuring that incidents are managed in a way that maintains the health, safety and well-being of all.

#### **SOURCES OF INFORMATION FOR PARENTS**

These are ways in which you will be informed of emergency closures and subsequent re-opening of the school or other emergency situations.

**Bearwood website** - [www.bearwood.poole.sch.uk](http://www.bearwood.poole.sch.uk)

**MCAS** – My Child at School App

We urge all parents to activate their MCAS accounts and ensure that their email address and mobile phone numbers are correct within the Personal Details available on the Data Collection Form.

The text message is a very straightforward way for the school to advise parents quickly of unexpected changes e.g. School closure due to bad weather, or other emergencies in school, we would also use this method if there were any problems relating to school trips.

**Heart Radio** – 102.3 FM [www.heartdorset.co.uk](http://www.heartdorset.co.uk)

In the unlikely event of children having to be evacuated from the building or site parents would be given information at the time regarding collection arrangements

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