**The Grove school**

**Policy for**

**Severe Weather Conditions**

The County Council Transport Unit, have produced a leaflet for all the parents but the information it contains does not include our schools specific response to severe weather and the arrangements we have in place which are: -

The safety of everyone is utmost and risk assessments with regard to travel can only be best made by the parents, transport operators and staff who are in any particular place at any one time. It is therefore, in most instances, best that decisions to travel to school are made by people who are actually in a specific location.

On very rare occasions the school may be closed. If so the transport operators will be contacted and all parents and staff by a telephone contact system we have in place. A member of staff will telephone all parents to inform them as early in the morning as possible that school will be closed for the day. All staff will be included in this network of phone calls as will all planned visitors to school. If the children are already at school and the weather deteriorates we will make arrangements for the child/children affected to go home early but only after we have ensured that there is someone at home for them to return to.

Likewise if the weather where a member of staff lives severely worsens the member of staff will go home early as soon as it is practicable to do so.

We appreciate everyone’s support with these arrangements and wish to re-assure you that the safety of all the children, staff and professionals is our utmost priority at all times.

**Mr R Curry**

**Chair of Governors**

Signed…………………………………………………………Date…………………………………………………………………

**Mrs P J Derries**

**Headteacher**

Signed………………………………………………………Date…………………………………………………………………