



# St Timothy's

*Primary School, Nursery Class and LCSC*

## Winter Update 2024

### Disruption to School

As we are beside a busy main road we are usually quite well protected over the winter and disruption to our school is rare. However disruption to transport or school closures can happen. We will try to communicate any information about disruption as quickly as we can. Please remember to be especially aware of checking for this if your child comes here in a taxi or bus. Please assume though that we are open and disruption free each morning – we will let you know if that is not the case.

### Communications

Please check that you are able to receive communication from us in at least one of the two channels we use. These are;

**Twitter** - @StTimothysPS – this is the easiest one for our team to use away from school so I would encourage you to follow us on twitter – it's where an update at 7 o'clock in the morning is most likely to be. Remember though we use twitter as a way to push information out, please call the school office if you have a query.

**Groupcall** – please check on Parent portal that we have the correct e-mail address/phone number for you. The office team can send Groupcall messages straight to you. Groupcall also have an app called Groupcall Xpressions which sends you a notification any time something is sent out relevant to your child

### Winter Updates

We will try to retweet the winter updates from North Lanarkshire Council. You can also get these directly though by following @nlcwinter – these updates contain general travel advice and weather information over the winter as well as information regarding school transport or closures.

### Paths and Gritting

The priority path for access to the school and therefore for gritting is the path from Old Monkland Road to the front door, and then on round to the yard. This is the path we will endeavour to keep clear.

Can I please therefore advise that the path down the hill from the lane should not be used in icy and snowy weather – this is not the priority path and it may not always have been gritted if the janitorial staff have had to spend time on the priority path.

If conditions are especially treacherous we will bring the children in through the front door. If the front door is being used on any particular day we will notify you on twitter/Groupcall.

As you know though, on very cold days the janitorial team can find that the ground freezes over again as quickly as they clear it, so please exercise caution around the campus over the winter.

### **Breaks**

Generally we prefer to have the children outside for break and lunch time. Please make sure your child has a warm coat for the winter and that their name is clearly written on it. Obviously in heavy rain or extreme wind the children will be inside.

The same goes for mornings – we will bring the children in in extreme weather but generally they will be outside

### **Yard Times**

Please remember the yard is staffed from 8.45am – please do not send your child into the yard before then. If you require your child to be at school before this time, breakfast club is available from 8.15am. Again though, children should not be at school before 8.15am for breakfast club – we don't have any staff officially working and therefore able to supervise children until this time.

### **Affordability**

If affording a winter coat for your child is challenging please contact us in confidence and we will try to help and advise. Winter can be a challenging time financially in general – please contact us if you require any support over winter and Christmas.