

**BOURNVILLE INFANT AND
JUNIOR SCHOOLS**

8th December 2017

Volunteers Needed!!

As part of our schools' joint inclement weather policy, we would like to form a group of volunteers who would be able to assist with clearing the school grounds during snowy and icy weather. Any decision to close the schools is not taken lightly and we fully recognise the consequences of closure for pupils and their parents. The primary consideration is the safety of pupils, parents and staff on the school site. The extent to which the necessary pathways and parts of the playground can be cleared forms an important part of the decision whether the schools can remain open.

When additional help is necessary, we would ask that volunteers assist from 7.30am to 8.30am. Both schools are able to provide some equipment such as snow shovels and any volunteers who can also bring their own would be appreciated. Unfortunately, we are unable to offer any care for children during such time so ask that only those who would not be needed for care of their children should volunteer.

Volunteers will be notified by text as early as possible in the case of inclement weather, preferably the night before if bad weather is expected. We would then ask for confirmation that you can help. This response will then help to inform any decision to close school or remain open.

Any decision to close will be made on a joint basis between both schools and will usually be made between 6.00 and 6.45am on the morning of the closure (this is in line with Birmingham Local Authority guidelines). It will then be communicated as widely and as quickly as possible, usually through the texting service, the schools' websites, and local radio stations.

The clearing of designated pathways within the schools' grounds is a priority. Unfortunately this may mean that access is not available between the two schools via the playground. We would like to reiterate that in all cases, the schools cannot take any responsibility for the condition of the public pavements and roads around the schools.

If you are able to volunteer to assist the schools in this way, please complete the reply slip below to your child's school and return it as soon as possible or by Thursday 21st December at the latest.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to hearing from you

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Executive Head Teacher
Bournville Infant School

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Mrs C Williams
Head Teacher
Bournville Junior School

REPLY SLIP - VOLUNTEER - INCLEMENT WEATHER - PLEASE RETURN BY THURSDAY 21st DECEMBER 2017.

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

I am willing to volunteer to assist in clearing the schools' grounds on snowy and icy days.

Name: _____ Mobile Number: _____