

Severe Weather Guidance

Wherever possible the school will remain open during severe weather but our primary consideration is the safety of the children and staff. Heavy snowfall, or even icy roads, may mean that the school buses cannot run as usual. It may also mean that teachers cannot get to school or are late.

In the event of severe weather, the school will take steps to determine the extent of the problem. If the situation seems to be deteriorating and causing potential problems for children needing to travel some distance home, then steps will be taken to send those children home early. The bus companies may also decide to collect children early if they feel the roads will not be safe to travel on at the usual time.

Please make sure you have plans in place to pick up your child from school or meet the bus as soon as you receive a text or email informing you if the school needs to close early due to poor weather conditions. Staff need to be able to travel home safely and can only do so once all pupils have been collected.

Please make sure that the school knows what your early closure contingency plan is.

If there is any likelihood of severe weather, and you are not going to be at home, please ensure that the school knows who you wish them to contact should the children need to go home early. (A message in your child's message book is an ideal way to do this.) If you have any concerns, please ring the school office for advice.

In the event of it being necessary to close the school, every attempt will be made to notify parents via the school website, school Facebook page, Devon County Council website (school closures page), email and text message.

Please ensure that the school holds your current mobile phone number and email address.

If you are unsure as to whether the school will be open, please sign up to receive school closure advice from the Devon County Council website:

https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKDEVONCC/subscriber/new?qsp=UKDEVONCC_4

In general, the rule is that if the school bus does not run and you bring your child to school yourself then you are responsible for making arrangements to get your child home at the end of the day. You can check if school buses are running from the Devon County Council website:

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/schools/route-closures/>

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