

12th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Severe Weather Guidelines

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 roads are impacted. It may also result in teachers not being able to 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.

Please make sure you have plans in place to pick up your child from school 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, for example if a different adult may need to collect your child/ren in this situation.

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 by emailing or ringing the office. 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 email, text message, the school website, the school Facebook page and you can also sign up for notification of school closures via this link [Devon County Council \(govdelivery.com\)](https://www.devon.gov.uk/govdelivery). Please ensure that school holds a current mobile phone number and email address.

Best wishes



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