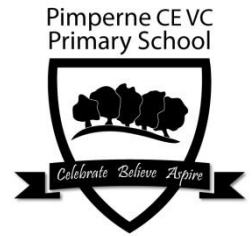


# Adverse Weather Policy



During the winter months there are occasions when we can experience adverse weather conditions, power failure, heating problems etc. It is always very difficult when we have snow and ice to determine how this will affect travel etc and I would ask that you follow the policy below if we experience any bad weather over the next few weeks.

**If at all possible the school will remain open** and staff will be here as normal. However due to road conditions some staff may be late arriving. Every attempt will be made to ensure that the children are adequately supervised until after their teacher arrives.

The School will no longer notify local radio stations. Dorset County Council's communications unit will notify the local media and that a definitive list of school closures can be found on [www.dorsetforyou.com](http://www.dorsetforyou.com)

Local radio stations will still carry information about closures but information can also be accessed on [www.mapping.dorsetforyou.com/closedservices](http://www.mapping.dorsetforyou.com/closedservices)

**We would ask that you listen to Heart FM (102.3) or check the school website, until you are ready to leave for school.**

We always hope to be open as normal, however, we feel you should be aware of the situation to avoid confusion should severe weather conditions cause disruption.

## **The Policy at Pimperne Primary School for adverse weather conditions is that:**

- Before the start of the school day the Headteacher will make a decision based on local conditions as to whether it is safe to open the school. Every attempt will be made to publish the decision on our website by 7.15am.
- To enable the school to open, it may be necessary to delay the school's start time. Again these details will be given out via local radio, our website [www.pimperne.dorset.sch.uk](http://www.pimperne.dorset.sch.uk) and via our text messaging service. Therefore, Breakfast Club the normal provision may be disrupted until staff are able to get into school. In adverse conditions please check [www.dorsetforyou.com](http://www.dorsetforyou.com) and/or await information from the school via text or the school website.

## **During the school day**

- If the weather conditions deteriorate during the day, then parents may contact the school if they feel that they would like to collect their child early for safety reasons (i.e. travelling/walking long distances or collecting other children from local schools). In these extreme circumstances, the school may also contact parents to ask for an early collection of children.
- The school will remain open until 3pm; however, if parents are delayed due to adverse weather conditions then they should contact the school if possible to give an anticipated arrival time. The school staff will make every attempt to put this provision into place and ensure children remain supervised.
- Parents of children who travel to school by bus will be informed of changes to travel arrangements as soon as the school is informed.

- Should the need arise to close the school, Breakfast Club and After School Club services will also be closed.

We do hope this clarifies the policy for adverse weather at Pimperne and we would ask that you keep this letter for future reference throughout the winter months.

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