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Tuesday, 26 November 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **School Closure in Bad Weather**

As the winter months are upon us, I thought it might be useful to remind you of our arrangements should we need to close due to bad weather. Please be assured that we will endeavour to open and remain open wherever possible, but I do have to be mindful of Health & Safety both on site and more importantly, on the journey to and from school. We do take clear advice and guidance from our transport companies relating to the safety of travel.

### **School Closure – before school**

If we are faced with inclement weather **before** the start of school and I make a decision not to open, we will inform the Local Authority who will ensure the Council's website is immediately updated. BBC Radio Shropshire will access this so that they can relay the most up-to-date information to the public at the same time.

Therefore, we can advise parents to:

- listen to Radio Shropshire or look at the Council's website at [Secondary schools | Shropshire Council](#) as early as possible on the morning concerned.
- Check our school website as we will also post a message on our home page [www.churchstretton.shropshire.sch.uk](http://www.churchstretton.shropshire.sch.uk) before 07.00am whenever possible.
- Check your email / messages, as where possible, we will send an 'In-Touch' message to you with closure information but this depends on whether we have remote access to do so.

### **Distance Learning**

In the event of a school closure due to bad weather we will revert to distance learning as soon as possible, as per the school [distance learning policy](#). Work for each timetabled lesson will be shared via Go4Schools and staff will be available on Teams or email to support your child(ren)'s learning. An email will be sent to you and your child(ren) to let you know that the decision to revert to distance learning has been taken, which will contain information on how to access the work for that day. There are how to guides and videos on the school [website](#) to help you support your child(ren) in accessing Office 365, Teams and Go4Schools, along with the [acceptable use guidance for Teams](#).

### **Early Closure during the day**

If the bus companies determine that they need to make journeys earlier in the day due to bad weather, we will send students home early. We will attempt to inform parents of these arrangements via BBC Radio Shropshire and other local radio stations; the school website home page and through In Touch, which will leave a message by email and text.

**If you do not wish your child to go home early, please complete the attached slip informing us of the arrangements you wish to make for his/her safety and journey home.** Colleagues who are local will stay in school to supervise students until 15.20 (but no additional travel arrangements can be made).

**Decision to re-open following closure**

The school **will open** the following day after closure **unless** a notice is posted to the contrary on our website. Please check this early in the morning if in doubt.

If you have any concerns about these arrangements, please do not hesitate to contact us at school.

Kind regards,

John Parr  
Headteacher

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**Please return to school office - Early Closure Arrangements**

I **do not wish** for my child to be sent home in the event of early closure. I will make the following arrangements for his/her safe return.

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Name of student ..... Tutor group .....

Contact name ..... Phone number ..... Signed .....