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Dear Parents/Carers,

School Closure in Bad Weather

With some unpredictable weather forecast, I wanted to remind you of our arrangements should we need to close due to bad weather. Please be assured that we will always endeavour to open and remain open wherever possible; however, I must also consider Health & Safety both on site and, importantly, on the journey to and from school. We also take advice and guidance from our transport companies regarding the safety of travel.

School Closure – Before School

If we are faced with severe weather before the start of the school day and I decide that we cannot open, we will inform the Local Authority, who will update the Council's website immediately. BBC Radio Shropshire will then use this information to broadcast the latest updates to the public.

Parents/carers are advised to:

- Listen to BBC Radio Shropshire or check the Shropshire Council website (Secondary Schools section) as early as possible.
- Check the school website homepage, where we will post a message before 7.00am wherever possible.
- Check your email/messages, as we will send an In-Touch message where remote access allows

Distance Learning

In the event of a school closure due to bad weather, we will revert to distance learning as soon as possible, in line with 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. You and your child(ren) will receive an email confirming that distance learning has begun and explaining how to access the work for that day. Guides and videos to support access to Office 365, Teams and Go4Schools, along with our acceptable use guidance for Teams, are available on the school website.

Early Closure During the Day

If transport companies determine that they must make journeys earlier in the day due to worsening weather, we will need to send students home early. We will attempt to inform parents via BBC Radio

Shropshire and other local radio stations, the school website homepage, and our MIS system (Arbor), which will send both email and text messages.

If you do not wish your child to go home early via their usual way, please complete this [form](#) indicating the alternative arrangements you wish us to follow. This form will replace any previous slips that you may have sent into school. Colleagues who live locally will remain in school to supervise students until 15.20, although we are unable to arrange additional travel.

Decision to Re-Open Following Closure

The school will re-open the following day unless a notice is posted on our website stating otherwise. If you are unsure, please check the school website early in the morning.

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

A short 'Quick Guide' summary is attached for ease of reference.

Kind regards,

Dr Andy Wood
Headteacher



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Quick Guide for Parents – School Closure in Bad Weather

1. Before School – How to Check if We Are Open

- Check the Shropshire Council website (Secondary Schools section).
- Listen to BBC Radio Shropshire for updates.
- Visit the Church Stretton School website homepage (updates before 7.00am where possible).
- Look for email/text messages sent via Arbor.

2. If School Is Closed

- We will move to distance learning and lesson work will be published on Go4Schools.
- Staff will be available via Teams or email to support learning.
- You and your child will receive an email confirming arrangements and how to access work.
- Guides for Teams, Office 365 and Go4Schools are available on the school website.

3. Early Closure During the School Day

If worsening weather means buses must leave early, we will notify you via:

- BBC Radio Shropshire
- School website
- Arbor (email/text messages)

4. Re-Opening the Following Day

- School will re-open the next day unless the website states otherwise.
- If unsure, please check the website early in the morning.