

Severe Weather Information

We will always attempt to keep the school and our Breakfast and After School club provision (Bolham Bees) open, if it is safe and possible to do so, when there is severe weather.

When deciding whether to open or close the school or Bolham Bees, there are several factors to consider. These include:

- Whether enough staff can get to school to safely supervise the children. (Please note that may not be possible to deliver the normal curriculum in some circumstances)
- Whether we have water and heat
- Whether we can provide a midday meal or get messages to you in time for you to provide packed lunches
- If once in school, we can ensure that pupils are able to return home safely at the end of the day

We may take the decision to:

- Close completely
- Open for just part of the day
- Close early and inform to that you need collect your child
- Open, but make special arrangements, e.g. packed lunches are necessary as no school meals are available.

A decision will be made as early as possible in the morning and the decision communicated to you in the following ways:

1. Through Teachers2parents text messaging service – please ensure our records are up to date if you have recently changed contact details. **This is our quickest and best way of getting messages to you, so please look out for them during severe weather and make these your first port of call for information.**
2. With an announcement on the Devon County Council website. Please go to <http://new.devon.gov.uk/schools/closure>
3. With an announcement on the local radio stations. Please listen to BBC Radio Devon or Heart FM and /or use their websites.

If we are able to open, please ensure your child is appropriately clothed for cold weather and that shoes/boots have good grip for icy conditions. You may wish to send your child with extra clothing such as spare wellies in case we are able to go outside at playtime.

Thank you for your understanding and support. We appreciate as a school that you also have work commitments and we will do our very best to provide our usual high standard of service, but at the same time work to ensure the health and safety of all members of our school community.

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