

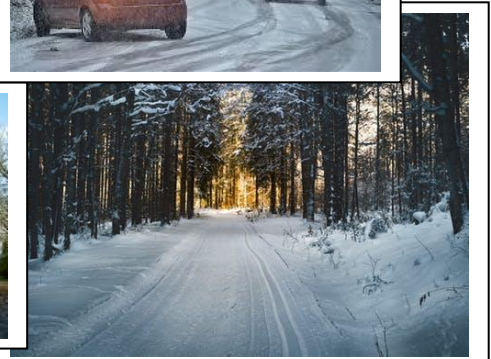


# Neroche Primary School

## Extreme

### Weather Procedures

#### 2020 / 2021



As the weather is getting colder, we felt it was important to provide you with advanced information about our procedures for the school in case we are faced with severe weather situations over the coming months. (snow, ice, strong winds, flooding)

We appreciate school closures are inconvenient and disruptive for working parents, BUT the safety of pupils, staff, parents and visitors has to be our first priority and decisions will always be based on keeping the school community safe.

If we need to close the school, **before the normal start** of a school day, we will communicate this to you as early as possible on the morning so you can make arrangements for your children. This will be via email and text message and the school website will be updated with a closure message.

As a school, we will also inform the county of the closure which will result in the closure being published on social media and the local radio stations. If you follow Chard and Ilminster News on Facebook they post school closures on their feed.

If the weather is predicted over several days we may make the advanced decision to close for a specific number of days. If this decision is made it is with the intention of giving families prior warning, so arrangements can be made in advance rather than trying to make emergency arrangements on a day by day basis.

If you are in any doubt, please contact other parents that you know to check the situation before embarking on a potentially dangerous and wasted journey to school to ensure your safety. Even if the school is open BUT you live in a remote area or an area with limited access due to the weather, please phone the school office to report your individual circumstance before making a potentially dangerous journey. We would not want you to put yourselves or your children at risk if you think your journey would be unsafe. This absence will be considered on an individual basis and will be recorded accordingly.

If we need to close the school **during the school day**, we will communicate this decision as soon as possible. This will be via text message and email. Again, we appreciate that closing the school during the school day is disruptive to working parents however, we need to ensure that pupils and staff are able to get home safely and as quickly as possible to minimise risks to safety. Obviously, if the school needs to close then after school clubs are cancelled.

A large number of pupils and staff live outside of the immediate locality of Broadway and Horton and need to use cars and roads on their journey home. Please be mindful of this when responding to the request to collect your child/ren early as staff need to stay on site to supervise children who have not been collected. Delayed exits for the staff will result in additional risk on the roads when making their own journeys home.

We cannot reinforce strongly enough how important it is that we hold up to date contact information for you. We still have several parents who have not provided us with an email address and we have limited contact numbers for others. You are able to update your own information now using the parent SIMS Lite app so please make this a priority over the next few days. We need to be able to contact you via text message and email to communicate school closures due to weather. If you experience any problems with this please contact the school office and office staff will be able to help.

Thank you for your advanced support to protect and keep our school community safe.



Alison Collins (Headteacher)



Dave Tucker (Chair of Governors)

***Please retain this leaflet for reference, thank you.***