

## Severe Weather Information for Parents

Should very severe weather conditions prevail, we would be grateful if parents would observe the following procedure:

The school will remain open at all times and children will be expected to attend school unless one of the following:

- You have previously been notified of school closure
- You have received an email/text message via Arbor notifying you of school closure
- Closure information has been posted on the North Somerset website at <http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/disruption>
- Closure information has been posted on the Bath and Wells Multi Academy Trust website <http://www.bathwellsmat.org/>
- Closure information has been posted on the school's own website – [www.stgeorgeschurchschool.co.uk](http://www.stgeorgeschurchschool.co.uk)
- Closure has been announced on a local radio station
- Children live too far away and conditions are too bad even to attempt a journey

### WHAT TO DO

We will endeavour to make a decision about school closure as early in the day as practical, ideally before 7.30am. PLEASE DO NOT PHONE THE SCHOOL – INFORMATION WILL BE POSTED ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE. Please check the websites above when it is clear that closure is a possibility.

The school appreciates that during bad weather children may arrive later than normal; parents should endeavour to contact the school to let them know they are on their way if likely to be delayed. The school recognises there will be isolated instances where families are cut off, even where the clear majority of children can get into school. In such instances parents should inform the school of the circumstances of this exceptional situation, as the school has a duty to clarify the circumstances of each case so as to be able to formally authorise the absence to the Local Authority.

Parents acting on the assumption that the school would be closed without gaining confirmation, or failing to inform the school of the circumstances that prevents the child coming into school risks their child being registered as an unauthorised absence. Where the school is officially closed, all pupils absence is counted as authorised absence.

During adverse weather conditions, the playground may be out of bounds to parents and children at the beginning and end of the school day. In the event of snow some pathways will be cleared and salted. Parents, children and visitors will be made aware that pathways, even where cleared, do remain dangerous. Before and after school opening hours parents are responsible for ensuring their children do not slide on the school playground.

After a period of closure, messages will be posted on The Bath and Wells Multi Academy Trust website and the school website.

In the event of the school having to close during the day due to unforeseen worsening weather or similar unforeseen circumstances, parents will be contacted by phone either at home or work and asked to collect their child/ren. Such an early release will only be contemplated in very extreme circumstances. Children will not be sent home unless accompanied by a parent or adult nominated by a parent.