

SEVERE WEATHER GUIDANCE

In the case of severe weather we will try to stay open if at all possible. We will try, as early as possible in the morning to make a decision about opening or closing the school. We follow LA guidelines and have to make sure that the site is safe and we have enough members of staff in order to supervise the children.

We realise that many of you have to make plans for alternative arrangements if the school has to close, and we can only stress that we do make every effort to keep the school open.

If the school is open, parents have the responsibility to ensure their children come to school, but only if it is safe to do so. Parents/carers should inform schools if their child is absent due to severe conditions, which make the journey unsafe. You can leave a message on our absence line by calling 01474 873858 and pressing option 1. Please only keep children at home if travel conditions are unsafe.

How will you find out if the school is closed?

If, in the unlikely event, we do have to close you can find out in the following ways:

- School website will be updated
- Parent home connect will be sent out by email or text
- kentclosures.co.uk (you can also register for text alerts or email using this website)

Or via the local radio stations:

- BBC Radio Kent 96.7/104.2fm www.bbc.co.uk/kent
- Heart FM 103.1/102.8fm www.heart.co.uk/kent

If you do not here any information about the school closing, it is safe to assume that we will be open.

If, on the rare occasion, the school will be closed during the day, parents/carers will be informed in the same way as above. We will never send children home during the school day unless they are accompanied by their parent/carer and staff will remain with pupils until they are collected.

Thank you.