

SEVERE WEATHER

Please keep in a safe place for reference

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the winter months progress and the weather turns colder and forecasters mention snowfalls, please find below the instructions for what to do if the school needs to close due to severe weather conditions. Obviously I will always try to keep the school open if at all possible. Only myself, Mrs Brine, Mrs Fisher and Mrs Bryer live in the Street area so are able to walk to work. All the other teaching, support and admin staff live at least ten miles from Walton, mostly in rural village locations. This makes it very difficult for them to drive to work. I am also unable to open the school if the site is too icy or the heating fails or pipes freeze so we have no toilets.

You can find out if the school is closed in the following ways;

A list of all school closures is published on the Somerset Learning Platform website. This is accessed at <https://slp.somerset.org.uk>

School Closures are broadcast on Heart FM and BBC Somerset and also listed on their websites

The school will also send a text message to you.

Our volunteer hotline can be contacted after 8.00am

Mrs Fisher 01458 440760

Mrs Brine 01458 447956

As our hot meal service comes from Fiveways School in Yeovil it would be advisable if you always check they are open as you will need to send in a packed lunch if they are closed and we are open. We cannot guarantee that Taylor Shaw, the catering company will open the kitchen for us.

While the children are here in school, should there be a sudden change in the weather which is liable to make travel difficult, please feel free to come and collect your child earlier than usual. If conditions seriously deteriorate the school will contact all parents via a text message or phone call.

A copy of this letter will also be on our school website for your information : www.waltonprimary.co.uk at the bottom of the welcome page

Many thanks for your continued support.



MRS R TOAL, Headteacher