

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. I will always try to keep the school open if at all possible. Only a very few staff live in the local area so are able to walk to work. All the other teaching and support 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;

- School Closures are broadcast on Heart FM and BBC Somerset and also listed on their websites.
- Via the Somerset County Council page <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/school-closures/>
- The school will also send an email to you regarding closure and we will put it on our school website.

Our volunteer hotline can be contacted after **8.00am**

Mrs Brine

01458 447956

As our hot meal service comes from Westfield School in Yeovil, it would be advisable if you also check they are open. You will need to send in a packed lunch if they are closed but we are open. We will email you this information as we cannot guarantee that Taylor Shaw, the catering company will open the kitchen for us or allow their employees to drive the meals over to us.

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

Enclosed with this letter, is a pack of work that your child can do if the school has to close due to snow. Please only do in the event of a 'snow day'. Please keep safe for future use.

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 and on the newsletter page.



Many thanks for your continued support.

Mrs H Padfield Headteacher