

COLYTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian

EMERGENCY / SEVERE WEATHER ARRANGEMENTS

In the eventuality of snow or icy road conditions, it is essential to have a clearly defined procedure regarding possible school closure.

If there is a serious deterioration in the weather during a school day (ie when the students are already in school), it is possible that after consultation with Axe Valley Community College and the transport contractors, it might be necessary to send some, or even all, students home early.

Parents will doubtless wish to prepare for such an eventuality by making arrangements to ensure that younger students in particular, would always have somewhere safe to go if parents were not at home. Perhaps neighbours or friends would be prepared to help? We should be grateful if parents could ensure that their children are quite clear about such emergency arrangements.

If severe weather conditions occur overnight or over a weekend, we expect to be able to make a decision by 7.15am on any particular day in consultation with the transport contractors, as to whether or not the school will open. The capacity of the bus companies to safely operate their services is a major factor in making this decision.

Please remember that conditions may vary significantly from the East to West of the area.

The safety of children is our primary concern and bus companies may decline to run services even though an individual car user may consider the risk acceptable.

In the event of a closure, we will endeavour to notify you in the following ways by 7.30am:

1. Get a message to **Heart FM** (FM 97.0 MHz/103.0 MHz - they will also post it on their website) and **BBC Radio Devon** (MW 990 KHz or FM 95.8 MHz/103.4MHz)
2. Send an **email** to all registered parents via ParentMail
3. Post a message on our **website** (this depends upon a member of the ICT team being able to get into school safely and cannot be guaranteed)

Parents are asked to check these sources before attempting to contact bus companies and to avoid contacting the school by telephone.

Mr T Harris

Headteacher