



SEVERE WEATHER AND THE PROCEDURES FOR EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSURE.

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In the event of severe weather the Head Teacher will consult on the course of action to adopt, in the interests of the safety and education of the children and the safety of staff. Wherever possible, any decision made will be communicated via the media listed below, by 7.30 a.m.

When the school is closed parents and carers can obtain the latest information in the following ways:

- accessing the Gloucestershire Schools closure site www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/closedschools
- accessing our school website www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk
- accessing FONNS' Facebook page – www.facebook.com/groups/351692605004997/
- via Twitter [@NibleySchool](https://twitter.com/NibleySchool)
- listening to local radio

Please note that the majority of these measures require internet access, which could be limited if cables etc. are brought down.

A new decision will be made for each day of school closure.

Information on the school's status will be updated using the Local Authority web site and Facebook will be updated on a regular basis.

Even if school is 'open', children (and staff) should only travel if it is safe to do so. Parents are best placed to make these decisions, considering their own locality and routes to North Nibley.

If, in the interests of safety, a decision is made to close the school during the working day, staff will ensure that information can be obtained via the above media. Phone calls will be made from the school office, so please ensure that your contact details are correct. Sufficient staff will always stay at school to supervise children who are late being collected, but parents are advised that our 'local' circumstances may be very different from those where you live or work.

If you have an older child, and if that child has prior permission to walk home alone, you should make it clear, IN ADVANCE, what your wishes are in the event of a decision to close during the school day, bearing in mind the possibility that there is no supervision at home.

If the school does close, children are NOT counted as absent (since attendance is not required.) Families may wish to access the 'Snow' pages hosted on our own website, if they are short of an idea or two on how to use the time purposefully!

My grateful thanks go to all who help everything to run smoothly.

Best wishes

Paul Batchelor
Head Teacher