



SEVERE WEATHER AND THE PROCEDURES FOR EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSURE – PARENT COPY

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In the event of severe weather the Head Teacher will consult with residents local to North Nibley, and decide 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, a decision to close will be communicated via the media listed below, by 7.30 a.m.

When the school is closed parents and carers can receive notification by:

- accessing THE NEW Gloucestershire Schools closure site
<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/closures/>
- accessing our school website www.northnibley.gloucs.sch.uk
- accessing FONNS' Facebook page – www.facebook.com/groups/351692605004997/
- via Twitter @NibleySchool AND @Glos_schools
- receiving an email (newsletter subscribers only)
- listening to local radio

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', staff and children should only travel if it is safe to do so.

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSURE DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

If, in the interests of safety, a decision is made to close the school during the working day, staff will do their utmost to 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**. We will always have sufficient staff 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 work. In advance, parents should discuss their wishes with older children who already have permission to walk home alone, especially if a closure means that there is no supervision at home.

If the school does close, this is counted as an authorised absence for children. 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!