

# School Closure Procedures in the event of severe weather



The decision to close the school is a serious one. The main consideration will always be the health and safety of the children and staff. Parents and carers should be aware that all schools are different and can be affected in different ways, depending on whether children come to school by bus, car, walk or whether there is sufficient staff etc.

## School Closures / Delays

Decisions regarding closures or delayed openings will be communicated as early as possible through the following channels:

- **School website** – [www.parkfieldschool.co.uk](http://www.parkfieldschool.co.uk)  
A message will appear by or shortly after **7.30am** each day of closure. The website will be updated with information, as far as possible, during the day.
- **Facebook** – Information will also be posted on the school's Facebook page.
- **Email** – An email will be sent to all contacts with parental responsibility.
- **SMS** – A message will be sent to the primary contact.
- **Somerset Council Website** – Information will be published under school closures: <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/children-families-and-education/school-life/school-closures/>
- **Radio** – The following stations will pick up school closures for broadcast/publication on their websites:
  - BBC Somerset Sound – 95.5 FM
  - Heart FM – 102.6 FM, 97.1 FM (Yeovil Area), 96.5 FM (Taunton Area)
  - Breeze FM – 100.8 FM, 102.4 FM, or 107.4 FM

## Early Dismissal

If weather conditions worsen during the school day, we may implement an early dismissal. Parents / Carers will be notified immediately through our usual communication channels. Please ensure contact information is up to date.

## Pupils Safety

In the event of severe weather while pupils are in school, they will remain indoors in their classrooms until conditions improve.

## Remote Learning during school closure

- If the school is closed due to severe weather, remote learning will be provided to ensure continuity of education.
- Teachers will share work and instructions via the year group pages on the school website.
- Live sessions may be scheduled where possible; details will be communicated by class teachers.
- Please ensure your child has access to a device and internet connection. If you require assistance, contact the school office in advance.

## Parent / Carer checklist for severe weather

- Ensure your contact details (phone and email) are up to date with the school.
- Have an emergency plan for your child in case of early dismissal.
- Keep your phone charged and monitor school communications during severe weather alerts.
- Inform the school of any alternative pick-up arrangements if needed.
- Make sure your child knows where to go and who to contact if they are walking home.
- Check your child's access to remote learning tools (device, login details, internet).

Our children's safety and learning are our top priorities, and we appreciate cooperation in following these procedures. If you have any questions, please contact the school office

Thank you for your continued support.