

Sherborne Abbey CE VC Primary School Advice on School Closure



The School will do everything it can to stay open and continue to provide education for our pupils, however if the weather conditions make it necessary to close the school then the following procedures are in place.

- The Headteacher will liaise with the school's Governing Body, to try and make any decision by 7.00 am.
- The decision to close the school is dependant on many factors, and we are very conscious of the childcare issues which can result from school closure. But the safety of the staff and children is paramount.
- A text message will be sent out to all parents as soon as the closure of the school is confirmed. The school's website will also be updated with any news. Both of these actions can be done by staff with remote access, so if the school is closed there will be no-one on the premises. Therefore the school's telephone will not be answered.
- We would ask parents to check their mobile phones and the school's website for any further news - especially if the weather conditions do not improve, and there is a chance that the school may be closed for more than one day.
- If weather conditions are expected to worsen during the day, once school has started, then you will receive a text message requesting that your children are picked up by a given time. It is expected that you will be able to comply with this request. This instruction will also be displayed on the school's website.
- You can also refer to the website www.dorsetforyou.com/winter which will also provide information.
- The local radio stations will also be informing their listeners of the closure of local schools.