

# ST GEORGE'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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## **School Closure Procedure**

### **Severe weather and other emergencies**

Dear Parents and Carers,

The weather forecast is suggesting that we may have heavy snow later in the week. We will make every effort to keep the school open for as many children as possible. However, in some circumstances, following completion of a risk assessment, we may decide that it is necessary to temporarily close the school. Reasons may include:

- Too few staff members can reach the school, or advice is issued against travelling
- Risk of injury to pupils, staff or visitors due to the weather conditions
- A failure of the school's heating systems

In such circumstances we would inform radio stations of a closure.

BBC – Somerset Sound. 95.5 FM, 1566 MHz

Heart FM. 102.6 FM, 96.5 FM

Breeze FM 100.8 FM, 102.4 FM or 107.4 FM

Tone FM 107.8 FM

Should severe weather descend on us during the day and you become worried about travelling home it would be in order to pick your children up early to allow you extra time for your journey. If you are unable to make the journey to school because of the weather conditions it would be understandable to keep your child at home but please telephone the school so that we know the situation leaving a message if the phone is not answered.

In times of adverse weather, such as snow or heavy rain, pupils are encouraged to:

- Wear suitable footwear e.g. wellington boots on their way to and from school and bring their school shoes to change into once in school
- Bring a change of clothing and additional warm clothing such as a tracksuit, jumper, trousers, extra socks, extra gloves, a hat and scarf

Please be aware that after school clubs and activities may be affected.

The school website ([www.st-georges-somerset.org.uk](http://www.st-georges-somerset.org.uk)) will also be updated with the latest information.

Yours sincerely

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