



# Extreme Weather Protocol



## Extreme Weather Procedures

Uffculme Primary School will always try to remain open wherever possible and a decision to close the school will only be made if we cannot keep the site safe or the travel routes to and from school are a cause for concern. Although a number of our non-teaching staff live locally, the majority of teaching staff have to travel some distance to reach the school. A decision regarding closure may be delayed until all the necessary information is gathered and the situation assessed. This should be by 7.45am

However, in the event of extreme weather which threatens the safety of staff and children and a decision to close the school is made, the following protocols will apply.

### Closure before the start of the school day due to severe weather:

If we decide to close the school before school starts, we will inform you in the following ways:

1. A message will appear on the school's website [www.uffculmeschool.net](http://www.uffculmeschool.net), FaceBook pages and Twitter account by 7:45am each day (although we will aim to be sooner) and we will update the website and Twitter with information, as far as possible, during the day.
2. We will also notify Devon County Council (<https://new.devon.gov.uk/schools/closure/>), Radio Devon and Heart FM.
3. A sign will be posted on the school gates.

### Closure during the school day:

Our priority is to keep all pupils calm and safe, therefore, please follow these instructions so we can keep the children calm and reassured that they are safe. Please DO NOT phone/text your child/ren if you are worried about deteriorating weather as it causes them alarm and other children to panic. However, if you wish to collect your child because of concerns about the safety of your journey home, please telephone the school and we will get a message to him/her that you are on your way.

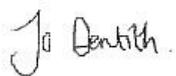
If for any reason weather forces us to close during the school day we will inform you in the following ways:

1. We will put information on our website and Twitter. Those parents who have given us their email addresses and text contacts, we will send you a message. This message will direct you to the school website which is where we will put all advice/instructions.
2. Pupils who are being collected by car will be supervised until you arrive. If you have made arrangements for your child to go home with a friend, please let us know.
3. We will ring parents of those children for whom we just have telephone contact details. We will provide a safe place for pupils to wait until they can be collected.

Everything reasonably possible will be done to ensure children's safety and well-being.

If you do not receive information from the school to the contrary, please assume that school will be open as usual.

In times of adverse weather, children are permitted to wear suitable footwear e.g. wellington boots.



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