

Spaxton Church of England School

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Adverse Weather and School Closure

In the event of severe weather conditions, we will always try to remain open and a decision to close will only be made if it is absolutely necessary to do so. Such a situation could arise, for example if:

- Conditions on the school site are too hazardous for staff and students, or if travel routes to and from school are dangerous.
- Insufficient numbers of staff are able to make their way to school, thus making it difficult for us to provide adequate supervision for students.
- The forecast indicates a serious deterioration in weather conditions during the day.

If the weather is very bad, children are encouraged to wear suitable footwear (e.g. wellington boots) on the way to and from school but will need to bring their school shoes to change into once in school.

If you do not receive information from the school to the contrary, please assume that the school will be open as usual. The following information and procedures will apply in the case of school closure:

A) Closure before the start of the school day due to severe weather

If it is considered necessary to close before the start of the school day, we will inform you in the following ways:

- A message will be posted on the school's website (www.spaxton-school.co.uk) and on our Facebook page.
- An email will be sent to all guardians using the most recent contact details provided.
- Broadcasts by the following radio stations:
 - **BBC – Somerset Sound.** 95.5 FM, 1566 MHz www.bbc.co.uk/somerset
 - **Heart FM.** 102.6 FM 96.5 FM (Taunton Area) www.heartsomerset.co.uk
 - **Breeze FM.** 100.8 FM, 102.4 FM, or 107.4 FM Tel. 0117 966 6107
 - **Tone FM** 107.8 FM (Taunton & surrounding areas)
- Somerset County Council's 'School's Closed' page.

We will make a decision by 7am and aim to complete the above by 7.30am.

Inspired by: 1 Corinthians Ch 13 Vs 4-7

Those who belong to our school: **protect**, **trust**, have **hope**, **persevere**, show **courage** and **rejoice**.

B) Closure during the school day

Our priority is to keep all students calm and safe, therefore please follow these instructions so that we can keep the children reassured about their safety. We do need to do things in an orderly and safe fashion, as I know you will appreciate. If adverse weather forces us to close during the school day, we will inform you in the following ways:

- A message will be posted on the school's website and the school's Facebook page
- An email will be sent to all parents using the most recent contact details provided. This message will instruct you on the action that the school wishes you to take.

C) Students will only be allowed to leave school when given permission by a member of staff

If your child/ren normally walks to school then they should remain in school until permission is given for them to go home. If you normally collect your child from school, we will stay open for as long as we possibly can and, although there may not be enough teachers to teach lessons, we will provide supervised activities until 3.15pm.

After this time students who need to wait in school will be supervised in our ASC until they can be collected. This is to allow parents the comfort of knowing their children are safe and supervised. If you collect your child/ren from school, please make sure you sign them out in the office.

Our intention always is to ensure all students are safe and everything reasonably possible will be done to ensure that your child/ren does not come to any harm as a result of poor weather conditions.

Thank you for your support with this.

Yours faithfully



Mrs K Canham