



Severe Weather Arrangements

I am writing to clarify arrangements for severe weather - ie, conditions such as deep/drifted snow, very high winds, or widespread flooding. We shall make every effort to keep the School open, although obviously as parents/carers you have the responsibility of getting your child to and from school safely and will need to decide if the journey is safe when severe weather affects either transport or walking conditions.

On occasions the School may need to close, and notification of the decision will be provided in a number of ways, as follows:

- through the school text messaging system
 - the school's website;
 - online at www.kent.gov.uk/winter;
- via the local radio stations - BBC Radio Kent, Heart FM and KMFM Radio (it is advisable to listen from 6.30am onwards);
- in the event that closure is decided upon in the course of a school day, you will be informed by text or email.

Parents and Carers may wish to sign up for text message alerts from KCC on www.kentclosures.co.uk. There is, however, a charge of 20p plus the standard network charge. By visiting www.kent.gov.uk/winter you can obtain more information about KCC closures and the gritting of routes.