



THE ACTIVE LEARNING TRUST

CHESTERTON PRIMARY SCHOOL SEVERE WEATHER PROCEDURES

- a) Parents have a duty to ensure that their children attend school if at all possible; at the same time, parents may properly decide not to send their children to school if they have reasonable cause to be concerned about their safety
- b) The school has a duty of care for all children who arrive at school
- c) All staff have a duty to attend their school and should make every effort to report for work
- d) The decision to close a school should only be taken as a last resort
- e) The assumption should be that a school is normally regarded as open unless and until a decision has been taken by the Head Teacher that it should close.

A decision on whether to close the school will be made on the consideration of the following information:

- Serviceability of the school grounds and the area around the school
- Road conditions: information from local radio on reports of surrounding roads

If the decision is to close the school, the Head Teacher will make the decision as early as possible. This is likely to be between 6.30 and 7.30am

Severe weather procedure

In the event that the school has to close due to severe weather conditions, we will notify parents and carers through the following channels:

- BBC Radio Cambridgeshire
- Heart 103 and 102.7
- Our website will be updated with a severe weather message.
- Our twitted feed - @Chestertoncamb
- If we need to make the decision to close the school, we will text a message via our parent mail system as well as sending a parent mail. Please ensure we have your correct contact details.

Staff will be informed using the 'communication tree' in the Staff Handbook.

Any decision to close the school will be for that day only and for any subsequent days the decision will be confirmed each day separately.

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