

NEWPORT Community School Primary Academy

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Dear Parent / Carer

SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS & THE CLOSURE OF SCHOOL FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

As we approach that time of year again, I thought I would take the opportunity to update you on the following.

Please keep the following information to hand. There is a copy of this on the Academy website on the Home Page, 'Closure of School in Bad Weather'.

1. Look at the school's website www.newportprimary.devon.sch.uk. If the school is closed there will be a message on the front page of the website.
2. If you are unsure, telephone school on tel: 01271 376252. We will always have staff, if at all possible, to answer telephones.
3. Closure notices will be posted at the school gate for those living close by.
(Radio Devon have reviewed and updated their service following recent winters.)

(This advice will be placed on the front page of our website).

We will not contact local radio, preferring to use the school's website where accuracy of information to parents can be guaranteed.

Fortunately, Newport Community School has remained open with the exception of one day in January 2010. A large number of our teachers and support staff live within walking distance of the school, so we will always try, wherever possible, to remain open. I strongly believe snowfalls do not mean that a school should automatically close. On the contrary a school has a duty to open if it has the means to do so. Individual families should assess the risk posed by their journey to school and make their own decision. Many families who live close to the school will have a different level of risk to those who have much more complex travel arrangements.

Let's hope that we have a trouble free winter.

Yours sincerely,



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Head Teacher



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