



St John's Church of England First School

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Dear Parents & Carers

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School Opening and Closure Procedures in event of Snow

At St John's we have a robust process in place in the event of very inclement weather and this is a good time to remind families of the procedures for informing you about possible school closure.

We will endeavour to keep the school open. However, school will close if:

- It is dangerous for people to get to/from school or dangerous at school
- A majority of staff and pupils are unable to get to school

Our website and the Dorset For You website will be updated as soon as we know. Information about all schools, showing if they are open or closed is on the Dorset for You website. This is especially helpful if you have children at two or more schools. Links to these websites are shown below:

<http://www.stjohnswimborne.dorset.sch.uk>

<http://mapping.dorsetforyou.com/closedservices/schools>

Procedures that will be used to keep families informed:

- By far the best way to keep yourself up to date is to use the two websites above. Our school website is updated regularly and will not only say if the school is closed but, on days where there is any doubt, will confirm that the school is open if this is the case. The advantage of the school website is that staff can update it even when they cannot get to school themselves;
- Local radio stations will broadcast a list of any schools that are closed; taken directly from Dorset For You to ensure accuracy
- We will also endeavour to use ParentMail to communicate any school closure

Yours sincerely

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Head of School

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