



Princetown Community Primary School

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Princetown Primary Adverse Weather Procedure

We fully realise closing a school disrupts children's education therefore we plan for adverse weather on the assumption that we will stay open wherever possible, with closure always considered as the last resort.

What happens in the event of adverse weather ?

In the event of adverse weather, a decision will be made by 8am if we have to close the school. The next step is to inform parents and we will notify you by email so please ensure that we always have your most up to date contact information. We also update the school's website and social media pages as well as cascading the information informally through Class Dojo.

Closure during severe weather:

Our main aim is to keep the school open but only when it is safe to do so. Living in a largely rural area, some of our families and many staff have to travel a significant distance to get to school and we need to ensure that we would have enough staff to safely supervise the children. If predictions suggest that bad weather such as snow or high winds after the start of the school day, we also need to consider how to ensure everyone would get home safely should be necessary to close early if conditions worsened.

When adverse weather is expected/weather warnings have been issued, we will continue to keep a very close eye on the forecast and we will keep you informed of any decisions. Please be assured that any decision will be made on the best available information and my first consideration will always be the safety of the pupils and staff.

Once the decision to close has been reached we will communicate this as promptly as possible to all relevant parties, including yourselves, the local authority, An Daras Trust and local radio stations. As safety is paramount, if you feel that your local conditions prevent you from getting to school safely, do not travel. If the school is open and you cannot risk the journey, please contact the school Dojo or leave a message on the answerphone.

We do recommend that you subscribe to the Devon County Schools update page.

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