

# Emergency Closure - Parents



We never wish to close the school:

The weather is the most likely reason, usually in winter due to snow, although we have in the past struggled to open due to ice. Coombe Road can sometimes become inaccessible to the buses due to ice, with buses sometimes struggling even when the road is gritted, especially on the slope into the school car park. Also, if School Transport decides that buses will not be sent out for pick ups this then necessarily leads to closure.

We have procedures in place at school to make things work as smoothly as is possible.

Closure before school:

We will post the information on the school website, the Dorset County Council website, school social media accounts and also send a message to you (nb. Sometimes we are told by School transport that buses will not be running. This is often the 'trigger' for us to do so). We will do this as soon as possible on receiving the closure information and making the decision.

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Closure during the school day, (eg. due to the weather):

- We have arrangements in school for the dismissal of the children
- We will post the closure on the school website, the Dorset County Council website, school social media accounts and also send a message to you
- Collection - if you are collecting from the school a member of staff will go and find your son or daughter and we'll record that you have taken them home
- If travelling home by bus (nb. There are, and have been situations where the buses may be sent, for us to be tools that they must leave imminently) - we will use the information to determine whether your child is able to go home on school transport.
- There will at all times be sufficient staff in the school to cover the number of children remaining, who will be collected when possible for you to do so.

Closure updates - the following day:

- We will update the school website, the Dorset County Council website, message you and also update the school social media pages <https://mapping.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/closedservices/Service/schools> & <https://www.facebook.com/SMCEMIDPUDD>
- We will do this as soon as possible in the morning. Should the school again be closed, we will follow the same procedure on succeeding days.