

# **Bledlow Ridge School**

## **Severe Weather Policy**

1. We will endeavour to keep the school functioning normally wherever possible, but if bad weather makes access to the Ridge impossible school closure may be considered. In this event, the Buckinghamshire County Council School's Web Site will provide you with up-to-date information on school closures:

<http://closures.buckscc.gov.uk/Default.aspx>

A message will also be posted on Bledlow Ridge School's own website:  
<http://bledlow.eschools.co.uk/site>

Local radio stations Mix 96, Mix 97 and BBC Three Counties Radio will also transmit information about schools' closures. This may be a very useful source of information.

2. If you live close to school, and bring your children into school on a day when weather conditions are extremely bad, please check that staff have arrived at school before leaving your children on the premises.

Older children who walk to school unaccompanied must be made to understand what to do if they find out, whilst on their way to school, that the school has been closed. These children must continue walking to school and once they arrive a member of staff will contact their parents to advise them of the situation. The unaccompanied children must not simply return home or take it upon themselves to go to a friend's house.

3. If there have been heavy snowfalls and you live some distance from the school, you may decide not to send your children to school on that day. Please do not telephone the school if you decide to keep your children at home during bad weather, as we need the telephone free for emergencies and in order to phone out.
4. Parents may always, at their own discretion, collect their children early from school on days when conditions deteriorate and travelling becomes hazardous. Please report to the school office first, before collecting children from class.
5. There may also be exceptional occasions when, because of emergency conditions arising during the day, the school has to close. In this event we will contact all parents by email or telephone. Children will never be sent home from school before normal time, whatever the conditions, unless parents have been contacted first.

If we are unable to contact parents, the children will be kept at school, unless it has been possible to make arrangements with the named emergency contact person agreed by you. It is therefore very important you keep us up to date with emergency contact details. Please also check we have your correct email address and that your mail boxes are not full. Every time we send emails out to parents, a number are returned to us, for that reason.

**PLEASE KEEP THIS POLICY IN A SAFE PLACE FOR REFERENCE**

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