



## Adverse Weather Policy

It is the policy of the school to make every effort to remain open whenever possible.

The decision to close the school either before or during the school day will be made by the Head Teacher. The school will only be closed if one or more of the following conditions apply:

1. Insufficient staff are able to come in to keep the school running safely.
2. Conditions on site are too dangerous for children and their families to access.
3. Conditions are considered to be or are anticipated to later become too hazardous for travel.

If the school is to close:

1. The closure will be recorded on the Suffolk County Council School's Website.  
<http://schoolclosures.suffolk.gov.uk>

BBC Radio Suffolk will then broadcast details. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/radiosuffolk>

Parents will also be sent a PING notification if the school is to close.

2. The school will make every effort to keep parents informed during the period of adverse weather conditions. Parents should check the website and/or make themselves aware of the radio broadcasts when it is clear that a closure is a possibility.

The school appreciates that during bad weather children may arrive later than normal; parents should endeavour to contact the school to let them know they are on their way if likely to be delayed. The school recognises there will be isolated instances where families are cut off. In such instances, parents should inform the school of the circumstances of this exceptional situation.

Parents acting on the assumption that the school would be closed without gaining confirmation, or failing to inform the school of the circumstances that prevents the child coming into school risks their child being registered as an un-authorized absence.

Where the school is officially closed, all absence is counted as authorised absence.

In the event of the school having to close during the day due to adverse weather or similar unforeseen circumstances, parents will be contacted by text, e-mail or by phone and asked to collect their child (ren). Such an early release will only be contemplated in very extreme circumstances.

In the event of snow, some pathways will be cleared and salted. Parents, children and visitors will be made aware that pathways, even where cleared, do remain dangerous. Before and after school opening hours parents are responsible for ensuring their children do not slide on the school playground or surrounding paths, or at any time, to throw snowballs, as these can be dangerous for anyone who is hit, or moves suddenly to avoid them. In icy conditions the school will aim to create a salted pathway from the main gate to the main entrance.

Date: Sept 25

Review: November 26



# Boxford CEVC Primary School

In the Head Teacher's absence a Senior Member of Staff will assume responsibility for making all decisions relating to the Adverse Weather Policy.

Remote education will be provided.

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