



# Swimbridge CE Primary School

Inspire, Enable and Educate for 'Life in all its Fullness'.



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Dear parents,

## SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS & THE CLOSURE OF THE SCHOOL

This letter clearly details our emergency procedures for severe weather and the closure of the school. Please keep this information at hand for future reference.

The following list provides you with the different ways school closure will be officially publicised. Please refer to these sources and remember that if you are NOT notified of closure, the school is open as usual:

- On the day of closure, before 8am, a notice will be posted clearly on the homepage of the school website [www.swimbridge-primary.devon.sch.uk](http://www.swimbridge-primary.devon.sch.uk) stating that the school will be closed.
- On the day of closure, before 8.30am, parents will receive an email notifying them of the school closure (via ParentPay, as with all other school email communications).

Added to these methods of communication, Radio Devon 103.4FM / 95.7FM have updated their service to notify parents of school closures and Devon County Council also keep their website up to date with school closures and this information can be found at <https://new.devon.gov.uk/schools/closure>.

Please note that the PTFA Facebook Page is for PTFA events only and is not used by the school as a method of communication and therefore, will not be used to communicate school closures.

I am very aware of the difficulties school closure presents to parents and carers and will always aim to make the decision as early as possible, bearing in mind the nature of the forecast and any weather warnings.

Please try to avoid calling the school wherever possible and instead refer to the school's website as this is the most effective method of keeping in touch with school updates.

As a school, we will always try, wherever safe and possible, to remain open. I strongly believe that snowfalls should not mean that a school must automatically close. On the contrary, a school has a duty to open if it has the means and it is safe to do so.

Individual families should assess the risk posed by their journey to school and make their own decision. As a school we realise that many families who live close to the school will have a different level of risk to those who have more complex travel arrangements.

Yours,

**Mrs S E Tibbles**  
Headteacher

Our school vision is to embrace the spiritual, physical, intellectual, emotional and social development of all.  
We strive for educational excellence by supporting and developing the following values:

**Wisdom**

**Hope**

**Community**

**Dignity**

**Love**