



## **BEMBRIDGE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

### **SCHOOL CLOSURE POLICY**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

It may be necessary to close the school for a variety of reasons including:

- Severe weather including snow, flooding or storms
- Accommodation problems, for example loss of power supply, heating failures or fire damage

We will, however, endeavour to remain open where possible.

#### **CLOSURE BEFORE START OF SCHOOL**

In the event of an emergency occurring, or in severe weather conditions, such as snow, the decision about whether to close the school is made by the Headteacher (or the Deputy Head in the headteachers absence) in consultation with the Chair of Governors. It is based on local conditions and/or school conditions, so some schools might be able to open, whilst others nearby might be forced to close

In the event of a closure before start of school the school will alert the local authority who in turn will regularly update a school closures list on the [www.iwight.com](http://www.iwight.com) website and on the council's Facebook and Twitter pages. Whenever possible the school will also text all parents to advise on school closure.

#### **CLOSURE DURING THE SCHOOL DAY**

On occasions it may be necessary for school to close during the school day i.e. if the weather is deteriorating and there is doubt as to whether children can be returned home later in the day, or sudden breakdown of heating facilities. In such cases the local authority will once again be informed and they will contact the media of the closure.

Parents will be informed by text in the first instance to collect children and if no confirmation of collection is received they will be contacted by direct telephone call. If we are unable to contact parents the school will contact the next person on the child's contact list.

***It is the duty of parents to ensure the school has up to date contact details at all times.***

The safety and welfare of our children will be the prime consideration, therefore no child will be sent home alone, the expectation is that they will all be collected by a parent. If a parent is unavailable to collect they must inform the school by telephone of the name of the person collecting their child.

