

## **Shiplake CE School**

### **SNOW POLICY – SCHOOL CLOSURE**

In the event of extreme inclement weather, such as when heavy falls of snow develop overnight and continue into the following day or extreme icy conditions, parents should take the following advice about the possibility of school closure.

Whenever possible, Shiplake Church of England (CE) School will remain open. However, we have to consider the safety of all our children and staff, some of whom travel a great distance into school each day.

Should the need arise, in severe weather a decision will be made by 8am if the school is to be closed and we will ring BBC Radio Oxford, Jack FM and Heart FM and ask them to broadcast the relevant information. We ask parents not to ring these radio stations themselves as it blocks the lines and schools have been unable to get through to announce closures. These radio stations also list school closures on their web sites. The decision to close will be made by the Headteacher who will have 'on-the-ground' knowledge and in consultation with the Chair of Governors. Consideration will be given to a partial closure or reduced curriculum.

We would ask all parents to listen to one of these stations if heavy snow is falling or has fallen overnight, or if there is other extreme weather and there have been school closures announced. Please do not telephone the school before 8.30am. If you do arrive at school, please do not leave your children without confirming that the school is to remain open. A ParentMail notice will be issued to all parents on the ParentMail system and the school website ([www.shiplakeprimary.org.uk](http://www.shiplakeprimary.org.uk)) will be updated as early as possible. A message will also be issued via Twitter to those who are following the school.

Our aim is to open every day but hopefully this information will give some clarity.

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