

# Netley Abbey Junior School

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Dear Parents

## Severe Weather Procedures

Whilst the weather is still mild, we thought we should let parents know of the safety precautions that will be put in place during icy/snowy conditions.

Parents will be notified via email/text at the earliest opportunity of any alternative arrangements regarding access to school. This may include closure of the side gate access via Grange Road and the rear gate access from Moore Crescent, so all access will be via the front gate. If the conditions are fairly mild, children will still be able to enter the building via the usual access points in the morning and leave via their classrooms. However, the playground will not be gritted so you will be limited to the pathways directly around the building.

During more severe conditions, access to the school will be limited to the main entrance only. Pupils will need to come in through the reception doors in the morning and will be dismissed at staggered intervals to ease the flow of children. Parents will be notified of this via text/email on the day.

In the event of extreme weather overnight, or any other emergency situation, the Headteacher will decide whether it is possible to open the school as normal: considerations include police advice on travelling (including the safety of walking/cycling to school), the availability of staff who often have longer journeys to school, the safety of the site and the weather forecast.

If the school is closed we will make every effort to inform parents/carers. This includes texting parents, updating the website (<http://netleyabbey-jun.hants.sch.uk/>) and the Hampshire Education website (<http://www.hants.gov.uk/schoolclosures>) which will contain details of all local school closures. If the disruption is widespread, these services can suffer from technical problems due to heavy usage so please check that any information has been recently updated.

On the first day of any potential closure, please check the website and If the school is closed you do not need to report your child as absent.

Yours sincerely

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