

November 2016

Dear parent/carer,

### School Closure in Bad Weather

As the winter months are nearly upon us I thought it might be useful to remind you of our arrangements should we need to close due to bad weather. Please be assured that we will endeavour to open and remain open wherever possible but I do have to be mindful of Health & Safety both on site and importantly on the journey to and from school. We do take clear advice and guidance from our transport companies relating to the safety of travel.

#### School Closure

If we are faced with inclement weather **before** the start of school and I make a decision not to open it will be broadcast on BBC Radio Shropshire and other local radio stations as early as possible on the morning concerned. We will also post a message on the Home Page of our website - [www.churchstretton.shropshire.sch.uk](http://www.churchstretton.shropshire.sch.uk) before 07.00am whenever possible. You may be aware that we are also about to launch our new website in the very near future. When this goes live any announcement regarding bad weather arrangements will be posted under the News tab on the Home page, in the drop down "Announcements".

#### Early Closure during the day

If the bus companies determine that they need to make journeys earlier in the day due to bad weather we will send students home early. We will attempt to inform parents of these arrangements via BBC Radio Shropshire and other local radio stations; the school website home page and through In Touch, which will leave a message by email and text.

**If you do not wish your child to go home early please complete the attached slip informing us of what arrangements you wish to make for their safety and journey home.** Colleagues who do not travel will stay in school to supervise students until 15.20 but no additional travel arrangements can be made

#### Decision to re-open following closure

The school **will open** the next day following closure **unless** a notice is posted to the contrary on our website; and on BBC Radio Shropshire. Please check these sources early in the morning if in doubt.

If you have any concerns about these arrangements please do not hesitate to contact us at school.

Yours sincerely,

Steve Lunt  
Principal

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#### Please return to school office - Early Closure Arrangements

I **do not wish** for my child to be sent home in the event of early closure. I will make the following arrangements for his/her safe return.

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Name of student ..... Tutor group .....

Contact name ..... Phone number ..... Signed .....