

## SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS

### CHELMONDISTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

#### SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS AND CLOSURE OF SCHOOLS

##### Information for Parents

In the event of severe weather conditions the school will follow the guidance from the Local Authority and the MAT, which is that schools should plan to remain open in all but the most exceptional circumstances.

The Dfe and the police have confirmed that getting to work and school are within the overall definition of essential - in other words, the statement that 'people should not go out unless their journey is essential' is not necessarily a reason why school staff and pupils should not consider making the journey to work/school.

However, staff and pupils are not expected to put themselves at risk by travelling in severe weather conditions. In order that the school remains open it may, therefore, be appropriate to open later and close earlier to enable staff and children to travel more safely and deal with any travel congestion. To ensure students are managed effectively and safely with the staff available, it may also be necessary to change normal school routines e.g. classes may need to be grouped together.

Decisions to open for limited hours or to close will be made as early as possible and will be communicated to parents via the media listed below:

- **Email**
  
- **Dojo/Tapestry**
  
- **School website - Emergency Closure Procedure (under parents/carers)**  
<https://www.chelmondiston.suffolk.sch.uk/emergency-closure-procedure/>
  
- **Local radio stations -**
  1. Radio Suffolk, 95.5, 95.9, 103.9 or 104.6 FM (regular updates)
  2. Heart FM, 97.1 or 96.4 (updates every 15-30 mins)
  3. Town 102 (regular updates)
  
- **The following websites:**
  1. [www.bbc.co.uk/suffolk](http://www.bbc.co.uk/suffolk)
  2. [www.heart.co.uk](http://www.heart.co.uk)
  3. <http://schoolclosures.suffolk.gov.uk>

Please keep checking your mobile phone, the radio stations and websites rather than calling the school directly, as it is unlikely we will be able to take your call.

Early Bird, Late Bird and all other clubs will also be closed in the event of a school closure.