



Emergency Closure

With the weather turning colder, we think it would be helpful to keep you informed of how Longleaze Primary School responds to these conditions and what you can do to support us in this.

First, on very cold mornings such as these, we begin work by opening the school early, checking the heating and gritting/salting the main paths and steps. We encourage children, parents and visitors to keep to the treated pathways and avoid any areas in the school that are untreated.

We aim to keep the school open in all but the most severe weather conditions. There are times however when it becomes impossible to maintain a safe provision for children. In these circumstances the following considerations are taken into account:

- Can children and staff get safely to school?
- Is the school site safe for children and staff?
- What is the advice of the Police and the Local Authority?

If it is necessary to close the school due to adverse weather conditions notice will be given on local radio; BBC Wiltshire and Heart FM. We use the Teachers2Parents text messaging, the website and Facebook to inform parents. Please avoid telephoning the school which is likely to be very busy on these occasions. Please, also, do not rely on "word of mouth"! If we are not listed as closed on the radio and you have received no text message or email from us, we will be open!

Finally, on some rare occasions, it may be necessary to send children home early. This is to allow us to ensure that children and staff who have to travel some distance, can get home safely. We would ask that all families have arrangements for such emergency closures.

If you live in the town, come in...