

KEEP FOR REFERENCE
DALE HALL COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS – NOVEMBER 2016

Information for Parents

In the event of severe weather conditions the school will follow the guidance from the Local Authority. This 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 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. Therefore in order that the school remains open it may 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 children are managed effectively and safely with the staff available it may be necessary to change normal school routines eg 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.

1. Message on the Home page of the school website (www.dalehall.suffolk.sch.uk)
2. The local radio stations:
 - * Radio Suffolk, 95.5, 95.9, 103.9 or 104.6 FM (they will provide regular updates)
 - * Heart FM, 97.1 or 96.4 FM, every 15 – 30 minutes
 - * Town 102 (regular updates)
3. The following websites:
 - * www.bbc.co.uk/suffolk
 - * www.heart.co.uk
 - * <http://schoolclosures.suffolk.gov.uk>

Please keep checking local radio stations and the above websites rather than calling the school directly as this blocks the telephone system.

Under DfE regulations, if the school remains open, any children living locally (within 2 miles of the school) who do not come into school will be marked as an unauthorised absence.

Breakfast Club – please note that in the event of a school closure the Breakfast Club will also be closed.