

# St Paul's C of E (VC) Junior School

*“Promoting, Valuing and Celebrating achievement in a Christian setting.”*

## School Closure Policy

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This Policy is based on: Guidance for Schools Volume 2 Section 4 Subsection 12 (Emergency Procedures: School Closures) (This can be found on the Somerset Learning Platform.)

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### 1) GUIDANCE AND INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

St Paul's Church of England Junior School will make every effort to stay open during inclement weather. However if it looks likely that we need to close for safety the decision will be made by the Head Teacher in discussion with the Chair of Governors as soon as possible in the morning, (or in extreme weather conditions the afternoon/evening before.)

The Heads will make their decision based on

- Weather forecasts
- Local Conditions
- Availability of staff
- Safety of the school site

The Heads will alert the Local Authority using SLP and the following radio stations will access this information and publicise the closure.

- BBC Somerset Sound: 95.5 FM, 1566 MHz
- Heart FM: 102.6 FM,
- Breeze FM: 100.8 FM 102.4 FM or 107.4 FM

The Heads will ensure a notice of closure is placed on the school's website and Twitter and Class Dojo account

- [www.stpaulsjuniorsomerset.org.uk](http://www.stpaulsjuniorsomerset.org.uk)
- St Paul's CofE Junior School Twitter Account @StpaulsJS Primary School

There is also a list of school closures on the local authority website

- <https://slp.somerset.gov.uk>

Parents are strongly advised to go through these routes in order to find out whether or not the school is closed. Whilst we will endeavour to answer telephone calls this may not always be possible.

**IF THE SCHOOL REMAINS SAFE TO OPEN** please make sure your children come to school in warm, safe and waterproof clothing as we will want to give them the chance to play outside safely where possible.

**HOT SCHOOL MEALS:** If the school is open but Whitstone are not able to provide hot meals parents must provide a packed lunch.

**Appendix (i)** The school will follow advice from Local Authority, Public Health or the Department for Education and only close if this is the clear advice that has been given following a local risk assessment and taking all factors into consideration. Parents and staff will be alerted in the same way as for a closure due to inclement weather as described in this policy.