



HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Hertfordshire County Council use a notification system, known as 'Everbridge', to inform parents of school closures during severe weather or an emergency. The decision as to whether or not to stay open during bad weather is never an easy one to make and depends on a number of factors:

- Are there enough staff in school to adequately supervise the children?
- Is the school warm enough, will it remain so and is it safe for the children and staff to be here?

We liaise with Hurst Drive Primary School so that we are trying to do the same, but this does depend on individual school needs.

The default position is that the school is open. No closure message on our website or Facebook page means we intend to open. Please sign up for the Everbridge notification system, by following the link below, and you will receive a direct message from them letting you know if we are open or closed. You are invited to sign up for the system by following the link below: <https://member.everbridge.net/index/892807736725489#/login>

Each contact can register up to 2 devices for each communication type (SMS and e-mail).

If you have children at more than one school you can register for each school in a single registration process by selecting all schools your children attend.

Once registered, you will receive messages direct from Everbridge relating to the status of your school/schools.

We use the following methods to advise families of closure:

- As soon as a decision is made a message will be placed on the website and our Facebook page. Please like our page to keep informed.
- A message will be sent out via text and Everbridge. Information will be sent to the Hertfordshire County Council website www.hertfordshire.org.uk
- Three counties radio (90.4FM/103.8FM), Heart 101.7 and Bob FM 106.7 to 106.9 have updates of school closures.
- A notice will be put up on the school gate and a message on the school answerphone.

Can I take this opportunity to remind you that all children come to school wearing a warm coat and ideally bringing a scarf, hat and gloves (all clearly labelled).

The Early Years Framework states that 'Children learn by leading their own play', so children will be playing outside, it is important that they are warmly dressed.

Yours sincerely,

Deborah Harrison

Headteacher