

Severe Weather Closure Consultation

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you very much for your responses to my letter regarding severe weather closure.

We had 79 replies, which is a good return. The results were as follows:

50/79 (63%) said that 'In the event of severe weather causing disruption to school, I would prefer that the school makes the decision to close fully'

26/79 (33%) said that 'In the event of severe weather causing disruption to school, where possible, I would prefer that the school opens for a few hours, for example 10;30-2:30

2/79 (3%) said that they did not mind what decision was made.

As previously mentioned, there are always many factors involved in trying to decide whether the school should close or remain open – and it is never a decision that is taken lightly. Whatever decision is made is the one that is calculated as the best one for the set of circumstances that are presenting at that particular time. Sometimes, we might make the wrong call, but the intention is always to try and do the right thing and the safest thing.

I very much appreciate your responses and will consider these in any future thinking with regard to 'snow days'. I do however, very sincerely hope this sort of decision making is not required again for quite some time – because quite frankly, it's a very stressful one to be making!!

Yours sincerely

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