



Emergency Closure Statement 2024-2025

Date: September 2024

Due for Review: September 2025

During the temporary restrictions and changes to practice that are necessitated by Covid-19, then this policy should be read in conjunction with the Covid-19 Protective Measures Risk Assessment that is published on the web site.

A school is only ever closed in an emergency - usually linked to Health and Safety, for example lack of staff able to get to school to operate safely, no heating, no water, no school lunch provision.

In the event of the need for an emergency school closure, the following is the Procedure:

- **The school closure will be broadcast on the school website, the Good Shepherd Trust website, the Surrey County Council website and Eagle Radio websites.**
- **If it is possible for staff to access our text communication system, emergency messages will be sent by text to all who have signed up to this system.**

Information about re-opening will be broadcast on the school website.

Should we experience adverse weather conditions we aim to make a definite decision by 7.30am, but with every school trying to send their emergency text messages these don't always arrive as quickly as we would like and so advise checking the school website.

Just to reassure you, we will always endeavour to open if at all possible, but our decision will be based on how many staff members are able to travel safely to work to enable us to safely supervise children.

Should snow fall and we do open, please send your children in with a change of warm clothes (including footwear and socks) because we will let them enjoy some playtime in the snow with their friends and they will be wet when they come back inside! Having said all this, we keep our fingers crossed that we don't have to make an awkward decision!