



CLOSURE DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER POLICY

Date of last review:	March 2024
Date of next review:	March 2026

Chard School's adverse weather policy is in place to ensure the school is prepared for all weather conditions that might affect the running of the school such as floods and snow.

If any of these incidents impact on the ability of the school to open or operate, we will contact parents via email and phone.

We will not take children outdoors where we judge that weather conditions make it unsafe to do so.

Flood

In the case of a flood we will follow our critical incident procedure to enable all children and staff are safe.

Snow or other severe weather

If high snowfall, or another severe weather condition such as dense fog, is threatened during a school day then the Head will take the decision as to whether to close the school. This decision will take into account the safety of the children, their parents and the staff.

In the event of a planned closure during the school day, we will contact all parents to arrange for collection of their child.

In the event of staff shortages due to snow or other severe weather, we will contact all available off duty staff and group the children differently until they are able to arrive.

If we feel the safety, health or welfare of the children is compromised then we will take the decision to close the school.

Policy approved by: James Salt

on behalf of Governing Body

Date: 12.3.2024