

# WINTER EMERGENCIES

It is the policy of Dorset County Council that schools should operate wherever possible, provided that staff and pupils are not exposed to unacceptable conditions of any kind at school, or on their way to and from school.

In the event of very bad weather causing closure of the school, the following apply:

1. The school will post a notice on the home page of the website – [www.shaftesburyschool.com](http://www.shaftesburyschool.com) – by 7.15am if the school is to be closed for the day.
2. Emergency information will be broadcast on Heart FM (102.3FM), Midwest Radio (96.6 and 97.4FM), Wessex FM (96 & 97.2FM) and Spire FM (102FM). The radio stations will broadcast closure details every 20-30 minutes before normal school hours. Please keep listening on these wavelengths in the event of bad weather.
3. Please do not telephone the school for information. We need our lines free for emergency accidents, food supplies and transport arrangements for students.
4. Please do not telephone the radio stations or Dorset County Council since this will also jam their lines.
5. Students within walking distance should make every effort to get in on time when the school is open.
6. In the event of bad weather, be prepared for students to return home early.
7. Please ensure that our records with regard to details of daytime contact numbers are updated as a result of changes of address or parent employment.

**PLEASE KEEP THIS INFORMATION FOR REFERENCE IN BAD WEATHER CONDITIONS**