



Unlocking Potential for Our Community

2nd December 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Emergency Closure Procedure

From time to time, especially in bad weather, situations can arise when it is necessary to close the school. If such a decision is taken we will do our best to inform parents by using the school website www.mysnhs.net and the Dorset school closure website

<https://mapping.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/closedservices/Service/schools> or <https://www.facebook.com/Sturminster-Newton-High-School-571299693043661/>

There will also be a message left on the school answerphone as soon as practically possible. This information can also be found in the student planners. We will also send a confirmation email to the email address which you have registered on the

The decision to close the school is never taken lightly. The main factor affecting this decision is that of the transport operators deciding not to run due to road conditions. This is supplemented by an assessment of the safety of the site and the ability of staff to safely travel to the site. At all times the safety of students and staff has to be our main priority.

In bad weather if buses do not collect students in the morning, they will not run in the afternoon even if the weather improves. If there are any disruptions to school transport you can find this information at:

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/education-and-training/school-transport/updates-and-disruptions/school-transport-updates-and-disruptions>

Nobody gains by winter closure, since work has to be made up sooner or later. Students can access some of their work from home via Google Classroom or from revision websites and text/exercise books.

Above all, the safe arrival and departure of the children and staff has to be paramount when deciding whether to close the school.

Yours faithfully

Jason Davis
Headteacher

