

Goldfield Infants' and Nursery School



Adverse Weather / Emergency School Closure Guidance

Goldfield Infants' and Nursery School adverse weather/emergency school closure guidance outlines procedures regarding school closure.

Goldfield is committed to minimising disruption to our children's education. The decision to close the school for any reason is not taken lightly and will only be considered as a last resort. The Headteacher will undertake to open the school providing it is regarded as safe to do so, following Health and Safety Guidelines and risk assessment.

The Headteacher will decide if the school can be opened and will endeavour to inform parents and staff at the earliest opportunity. The school will contact parents, carers and staff via the [school website](#), Schoolcomms text and/or email to the prime parental contact; If you have signed up to the Everbridge Closure notification service at member.everbridge.net/index/892807736725489 you will be notified through them of the open/closure status of the school. In addition, please visit [Hertfordshire website](#) and click on 'weather warnings', and listen to local radio stations Mix 96 or 3 Counties Radio, for more information. Updates regarding closure on the website should be checked and 'refreshed on' by parents and carers throughout the day or evening.

It may be necessary for the school to operate on a reduced day, change start and finish times or modify the timetable. Staff will make every effort to teach as effectively as possible under these difficult conditions. Should conditions deteriorate during the day, we will contact parents or carers as soon as possible using the methods outlined above.

Parents and staff should always make the decision with regards to travelling safely to school in adverse weather conditions on the basis of their own safety when travelling to and from Goldfield. Please consider the possibility of weather worsening during the day when making your decision. Persons authorised to access the premises do so at their own risk.

Parents/carers, children and staff should wear appropriate coats and footwear for the conditions; however the school dress code still applies unless otherwise advised.

The Headteacher's decision to close the school will always be taken as the last resort.