



## Mossley Primary School - Severe Weather Plan

The staff make every effort to reach the school when the weather is bad, but there are occasions when the school is unable to open.

During the winter months, staff and parents are asked to keep up-to-date with weather warnings and be ready to act accordingly in case of snow or other severe weather. Parents are asked to check the school website [www.mossleyce.cheshire.sch.uk](http://www.mossleyce.cheshire.sch.uk) and the school Facebook Page if in any doubt, any decisions will also be emailed to Parents via parent pay. Silk FM Radio 106.9 will also announce any school closures.

The following table outlines several scenarios 1 –4 (4 being worst case) and actions for school and parents / carers in the event of severe weather:

	Decision	Scenario	What School Will Do	What You Need to Do
1	Open as usual	Some snow or bad weather but all roads and access to school deemed fine.	-Update school website and Facebook by 8am with our decision.	-Check website from 8am -Drop children off as usual with appropriate clothing.
2	Flexible Opening	Main roads are passable and no further bad weather is forecast.	-Update school website and Facebook by 8am with our decision.	-Check website from 8am. -Drop children off when you deem it safe to do so. <b>-Inform school PREFERABLY VIA EMAIL if it is not safe for you to travel.</b>
3	Flexible Closing	Weather deteriorates during the school day	Notify parents via website , Facebook and email that they can ( if they choose to) collect their child(ren) earlier than the school finish time	<b>Sign your child out via the school office</b>
4	Close School	Access is difficult / impossible / dangerous and no sign of imminent easing in weather.	-Update website and Facebook by 8am with our decision. -Inform Silk Radio.	-Check website and emails from 8am.

In the event of flexible opening, parents / carers are responsible for the supervision of their children until they have dropped them at school, ***and if they still choose to keep children off, they must communicate their intentions preferably by email (or phone) as soon as possible.***

Please note that that while every attempt will be made to follow the procedures outlined above, there is nothing quite as unpredictable or changeable as the weather. Broadly speaking, we will make every attempt to remain open and if this is not possible for whatever reason, then we endeavour to communicate our intentions as quickly as is practicable (this includes having to close when the weather has deteriorated during the course of a school day.) The safety and welfare of the entire school community will be central to any decisions made.