

SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS – INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/CARERS

Please see below the Northumberland County Council information and contacts for parents in the event of a school closure, which you may find useful to keep for reference over the winter months. HMS will also pass information to parents and carers via the school website – www.hexhammiddleschool.co.uk and via email. We will also provide updates through our Twitter and Facebook accounts. If you don't currently receive emails, please contact admin@hexhammiddle.org.uk to ensure you get the information you need.

If the school needs to close during the day, we will make arrangements for children to leave school in accordance with parent/carer wishes as indicated on their completed School Emergency Closure form, which is sent out at the start of each school year. If you have not yet completed a form, please contact the school on the email address above. The school will not contact parents on an individual basis unless this has been specifically requested.

Mr Watters
Head of School

Information for Parents from Northumberland County Council

SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS – ARE YOU PREPARED?

During periods of severe weather, there may be school closures or disruption to your child's Home to School Transport. In these circumstances, do you know what to do? Here are some tips

- Listen to local radio stations – mainly BBC Radio Newcastle 95.4fm; other useful stations are Metro Radio (103.2fm), Heart fm (96 and 100 to 102fm) and Radio Borders (102.3fm).
- Go to the Northumberland County Council Website – www.northumberland.gov.uk – and Facebook and Twitter feeds will also be updated

The County Council will continuously update news on the front page

In extreme cases, a school may have to close during the day due to severe weather and your child will be sent home early. Do you have a procedure in place for the care of your child until you arrive home? You could:-

- Make arrangements with a relative or close friend to care for your child until you are able to get home
- Inform the school and transport provider of these arrangements as it may be necessary for your child to seek alternative transportation from school
- Make sure the school has an I.C.E. "In Case of Emergency" contact telephone number
- Investigate whether your child's school operates an "Emergency Alert Scheme" and sign up to it
- Above all, make sure your child is aware of the arrangements.

For more information please call our Contact Centre on 0345 600 6400