



**MARWOOD
SCHOOL**

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Dear Parent

Severe Weather Policy

Following the advice of Devon Local Authority, Marwood School will endeavour to remain open during periods of severe weather; usually ice or snow.

Arrangements for School Closure

Either the headteacher or the Chair of Governors will make a decision to close the school based on the safety of children, parents and staff. We will take advice from the local police regarding road conditions and the Met Office website for weather updates. The decision will be made as early as possible, being aware that conditions can change quickly. If there is significant snow A&B Contractors will be used to clear snow and salt the lanes from Crocker's Bridge, past school, over the crossroads and back down North Lane to the Milltown / Ilfracombe road. An update will be posted on the school website if this has taken place.

Getting School Closure Information

Information on all Devon schools can be found at <https://new.devon.gov.uk/schools/closure/>
An email will be sent giving closure information to parents who have given us their address. Parents can sign up to be emailed directly from Devon County Council when a school is closed at <https://goo.gl/CFi9cr>. The home page of the school website www.marwood.devon.sch.uk will be adjusted to give daily updates. Please be aware that weather conditions just a few miles from Marwood can be very different and check before you start your journey to school. Parents can contact the school on 01271 850395 and listen to Radio Devon 94.8FM, The Voice 106.1 / 107.8FM or Heart 96.2 / 97.3FM for school closure information. Heart will also carry updates on their website <http://www.heart.co.uk/barnstaple/>

Days of school closure due to severe weather do not have to be made up later in the term. If there is an extended period of closure staff will email work to you.

Should severe weather occur once school has already started and the school needs to close, parents will be contacted and children will be looked after until they can be picked up.

School Open – Delayed Journeys

The local lane network leading to the school is not on any of the council's gritting routes and icy conditions can make the hills leading to and from school difficult. If the lanes are icy at 8.30 a.m. and the school is open you can bring your children to school later in the morning once the ice has had chance to melt.

Parents and children need to take care on the paths on the school site. Rock salt is applied when it is icy, however it cannot be guaranteed that every patch of ice will have melted.