

FORDEN CHURCH IN WALES SCHOOL
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CLOSURE POLICY

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Closure in the case of inclement weather

The Powys Inclement Weather policy will be followed.

In making the decision to close the school:

- The Headteacher will ascertain how many staff are able to attend (in line with the Powys Inclement Weather policy)
- The Headteacher will confer with the Chair of Governors

The school cannot be fully open if **the ratio of teaching staff to children is more than 1:30**

The school may remain partially open to children of critical workers if there is at least two members of staff, and the ratios apply as above.

If the decision is taken to close (to all pupils or partial closure), this information will be posted on the Powys website (www.powys.gov.uk/scholclosures). If possible, an email will be sent to all parents who have opted to receive communications from the school by this method. A notice will also be posted on the school Facebook page.

Where possible, parents should use these sites for information rather than phoning the school. Announcements are also made as stated on the Powys Inclement Weather policy.

In cases where the school is open, but Buttington/Trewern School kitchen is closed we will not be able to provide cooked dinners and children should bring a packed lunch.

In the event of the school remaining open but with reduced staffing the planned curriculum may be suspended.

Closure in unforeseen circumstances (such as heating breakdown or water shortage). This includes closure during the school day.

The Head teacher will make every effort to ensure that alternatives are explored. If a suitable alternative is not available, the school will close if either:

There is no water in school.

OR

The temperature in the school falls below (and is likely to remain below) 18C for a sustained period of time.

The decision to close will be made by the Head teacher in consultation with the Chair of Governors and with regard to the Health & Safety of children and staff. In exceptional circumstances the most senior member of staff present in school may make the decision.

Closure notice will be posted on Powys County Council website under School Closures. Parents will be informed by email and a notice posted on the school Facebook page. Any pupils who arrive at school, their parents will be informed at the gate by a member of staff. Parents of emergency contacts of children already in school will be telephoned and asked to collect them.

This policy should be read alongside the School Business Continuity Plan.

This policy is to be reviewed annually.