

## Milton Abbot School Snow Procedures

Dear Parents/Carers

### Winter Weather

We will always make every effort to stay open in the face of adverse weather conditions, but should we find ourselves unable to do so, and you are unsure whether school will be open or not, please log on to the Devon County Council website:

[www.devon.gov.uk/](http://www.devon.gov.uk/) for information which will be posted very early each morning.

Closures will also be announced on the following Radio stations:

- BBC Radio Devon
- Heart FM

Similar messages can be found on the school's website home page:

[www.miltonabbot.devon.sch.uk/](http://www.miltonabbot.devon.sch.uk/)

Apologies for those of you who did log onto the website on Friday - the internet in school was down until 8:20am!

You can check if the buses are running by again logging onto the Devon County Council website or telephoning the company direct - Holmans - 01822 810025. Please note that if the buses are cancelled in the morning, that means there will be no bus service to and from the school at all that day and parents will need to make their own arrangements for collecting their children.

We would rather you used the websites than phone school to find out what is happening as it is important that our phone lines are kept clear.

Our priority is to keep the school open and staff will be making every effort to get here safely. This may mean that we could have a delayed start to the normal morning routines, but will endeavour to return to normal routines once we have enough staff. In the event that we are unable to sufficiently staff the school, we may have to close all or parts of the school. Again this will be on the Devon County Council website. If the day starts off normally and there is a heavy snowfall during the day we will ring to inform parents if we have to have to close the school early.

On a practical note, I think it is important that our children get the opportunity to enjoy the snow so we will always try to ensure they spend some part of snowy days outside in our lovely grounds. Could you make sure they have appropriate clothing with them please - wellies/snow boots, waterproof coat and gloves at the very least. Spare socks/tights are a good idea too.

*Let's hope that we can enjoy the winter weather without it causing too much disruption to school life!*