



# Shirley Junior School

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Severe Winter Weather - Level 3 - Cold Weather Action alert

Dear Parent/Carer,

The Met Office has issued a level 3 (severe weather action) cold weather warning for the period **9am on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec and 8am on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December** in parts of England.

The risk specifically for South East England is 90% hence a level 3 alert has been issued. In South East England Arctic air arriving is from 6pm Thursday. Cold temperatures day and night with significant wind chill, some snow showers possible.

The weather forecast for Southampton during this period can be viewed using the following links:

<http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/public/weather/forecast/southampton-southampton#?tab=fiveDay> and <http://www.bbc.co.uk/weather/2637487>

I would just like to let you know the school procedures if it becomes necessary to close the school due to bad weather.

You will appreciate that the decision to close a school is not an easy one. In making such a decision we consider whether or not it is safe for children, parents and staff to travel to school, whether the site is safe and whether the facilities are operational. We will also consider whether we can get sufficient staff into school to supervise the children.

When the weather is hazardous and the school is open, it is for you as a parent to decide whether you feel it is safe for your child to make the journey to school. If open we have determined that we can keep your child safe on our site, however we cannot make an assessment of each road and footpath in our community.

We will communicate our decision to you via the quickest method which is using text messaging, so please ensure that your correct mobile number is recorded in school. We will also keep our school websites updated when possible.

You can also find out if school is open by -

- Checking the Southampton web site at [www.southampton.gov.uk](http://www.southampton.gov.uk) or [www.youngsouthampton.org](http://www.youngsouthampton.org)
- Listen to radio Solent from 6.30am on 96.1FM or check the radio Solent website at [www.bbc.co.uk/solent](http://www.bbc.co.uk/solent) bearing in mind that our schools are at the bottom of the alphabet and are therefore not announced until 7.30am or later! Also check Wave 105.
- If school is open please ensure your child has suitable outdoor clothing and footwear – it would be a shame not to build a snowman!
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Yours sincerely,

Annette Hixon

Head of School



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