



The John Fielding Special School  
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## SEVERE WEATHER – EMERGENCY CLOSURE OF SCHOOLS

In situations of severe weather, schools are sometimes unable to operate normally, and occasionally it is necessary to close the school. This inevitably causes some disruption; however, we will always aim to keep the school open. The school would only close due to severe weather if it was felt that not enough staff were able to get in to safely look after pupils or should on site safety be seriously affected by snow. As a special school we also have a few other factors to consider, primarily the fact that many pupils live a considerable distance from the school and driving conditions can vary greatly across the county during severe weather. Please also be aware that transport providers may decide not to make a run if they feel as though the weather conditions present an unreasonable safety concern, despite the school remaining open.

If we do have to close the school there are a number of ways you will be informed of this. They are...

1. By text message: If you have provided us with a mobile telephone number we will send you a text using the Text Around Service. If you have changed numbers recently please inform the school office.
2. By listening to the radio: We will contact Lincs FM 102.2 and BBC Radio Lincolnshire 94.9 and 104.7 FM. Please be aware that there is sometimes a delay in getting this information on to the radio.
3. By looking on the County Councils website: [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk)
4. By looking on the schools website: [www.johnfieldingschool.co.uk](http://www.johnfieldingschool.co.uk)

Yours sincerely,

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